

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS

Citizens' Advisory Committee DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Center for the Inland Bays
Rehoboth Beach, DE
June 23, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE:

CAC Members Present	Members of the General Public
	Leah Hoennen
	Center for the Inland Bays Board
	Joanne Cabry
	Dr. Bill Ullman
	Center for the Inland Bays Staff
	Ed Lewandowski
	Chris Bason
CAC Alternates Present	Jennifer Jones
None	
CAC Members Not In Attendance	

MINUTES:

Welcome and Introductions

Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Chairman Bill Zak called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and then introductions.

The Chair took the opportunity to recognize Leah Hoennen, reporter for the Cape Gazette. He thanked her for covering the activities of the Committee during the past few years and praised her skills and performance.

The draft agenda was introduced and a call for any additions or corrections was announced. Hearing none, the agenda was approved as drafted.

Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the April 21, 2011 meeting minutes as written. Shirley Price moved to approve the minutes; Tom Ford seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

CIB Update

Ed Lewandowski provided a presentation to the membership on the recent activities of the staff and CIB's partners. Items discussed included the new website, the volunteer horseshoe crab surveys and near-shore fish monitoring, the installation of Baker's Channel, the Anchorage Canal stormwater retrofits and the recent hiring of Roy Miller as the CIB's new Environmental Policy Coordinator. This was followed by a brief question and answer session.

Citizens' Advisory Committee Update

The Chair updated the committee on some issues of concern, including:

- Emissions upgrades and air quality monitoring at the NRG generating station
- Burton's Island remediation report
- Toxic leachates/small fish study sponsored by the Citizens' Advisory Committee
- Local press coverage on environmental issues

He also shared information regarding topics discussed at the CIB's recent Board of Directors' meeting, which included: 1) Wandendale Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, 2) an economic valuation of the Delaware Estuary completed by the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, 3) proposed revisions to the stormwater regulations, 4) Sussex County sewer district expansions, 5) N & P reductions attributed to agricultural BMPs, and, 6) request by Mayor Gordon Wood for erosion impact studies related to Inland Bays dredging activities

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the CAC.

OPEN FORUM

Buzz Henifin described the loss of Seal Island in Little Assawoman Bay and asked whether CIB/Citizens' Advisory Committee might be able to provide support for its restoration.

Dr. Bill Ullman, Chair of the Scientific & Technical Advisory Committee, reported on STAC's activities in response to issues raised by the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Next Meeting

The next CAC was scheduled for Thursday, August 4th.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully reviewed and submitted,

Bill Zak, Chair

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