

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Center for the Inland Bays Office
Rehoboth Beach, DE
October 6, 2011

CAC Members Present	Robert Cubbison
William Zak, Chair	Robert Gallagher
Robert Adams	Barbara Lifflander
John Austin	Carl Mantegna
Steve Callanen	Shirley Price
Bob Collins	Randy Spence
Tom Ford	David Truitt
Harry Haon	Helen Truitt
Pete Keenan	CAC Alternates Present - None
Vicky Mertes	Members of the General Public
Doug Parham	Bob Batky
Cheryl Rehrig	Center for the Inland Bays Staff
Todd Smallwood	Chris Bason
CAC Members Not In Attendance	Sally Boswell
Carl Alesi	Eric Buehl

Welcome and Introductions

Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Chairman Bill Zak called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and then introductions. Bill Zak remarked about the availability of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) Hearing Officer's Report prior to the Department making a final decision (See Hearing Officer Report under New Business). Bill also brought up the subject of meeting attendance. Based on the discussion, he will contact members who have not recently attended to make sure they still want to be a CAC member. Lastly, Bob Adams gave an update related to the progress of the Executive Director Search Committee. Bob is CAC's representative on the Search Committee.

Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the September 8, 2011 meeting minutes pending a correction to those in attendance. Bob Adams moved to approve the minutes as corrected and Bob Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

CIB Board Vote in Support of Wandendale Hearing Testimony of August 31, 2011

Bill Zak informed those present that the Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) Board of Directors passed the Wandendale resolution regarding the testimony to the DNREC Secretary.

Election of New CAC Chair

Harry Haon, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that Doug Parham is willing to serve for one year as the new CAC Chair. Following this, there was a call for nominations for CAC Chair from the floor. Being none, Harry Haon motioned, seconded by Bob Adams, that Doug Parham be elected as the next CAC Chair, pending CIB Board approval in December. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Hearing Officer Report

Bill Zak brought up the issue of the DNREC hearing process and the availability of the DNREC Hearing Officer's Report prior to the Department making a final decision. He had contacted the Secretary about the issue and had not yet received a response. He said that he did not want to reopen any testimony only that he would like to see that the report is available to the public prior to a final decision. Following discussion, Bob Adams motioned, seconded by Steve Callanen, to send a follow-up letter to the DNREC Secretary regarding making the Hearing Officer's Report public prior to making a final decision. The motion passed with two abstentions.

Center for the Inland Bays "State of the Bays Report" Presentation

Chris Bason gave a presentation based on the newly-released Inland Bays "State of the Bays Report." This was followed by a question and answer session about the report and general health of the Inland Bays.

CAC Response to the Burton Island Remediation Study

Bill Zak said that since all that CAC had at this time was the report, that no action would be taken this evening and that the matter would be tabled until a later date. He asked that CAC members consider the following; that the report only focuses on water transport. Questions remain about how to measure the rip-rap's effectiveness. Is there a baseline study to use in future comparisons? Are there any studies of benthic invertebrates? Is it possible to expand the range of sampling? And what about sea-level rise and storms? Harry Haon also pointed out that at a previous meeting with the DNREC Secretary that it was discussed that an independent group would be established to review the data and that DNREC would review the report with CAC before finalized. Bill suggested that action may be taken at the next CAC meeting.

CCMP Update Steering Committee Report

Eric Buehl gave an update on the Committee's activity in Carl Mantegna's absence. Carl and Harry Haon are the CAC representatives on the Committee.

NOTE: Bill Zak had to depart early and turned the role of Chair over to Harry Haon, CAC Vice-chair, to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Steve Callanen brought up several issues including making sure that various buffer and setback requirements are adequately enforced, an inquiry about what could be done about shoreline erosion in certain areas, and about access to land owned by DNREC on Angola Neck.

Next Meeting

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10th at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

At 5:30 p.m., Harry Haon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Adams motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Bob Gallagher. The motion passed.

Respectfully reviewed and submitted,

Bill Zak, Chair
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