

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS

Citizens' Advisory Committee DRAFT Meeting Minutes

DE Center for the Inland Bays
October 24, 2006

IN ATTENDANCE:

CAC Members Present	Joe Farrell
Lloyd Hughes (Acting Chair)	Andrew Auwerda
Bob Cubbison	June Connor
Ron Wuslich	Joe DeMul
Jim Elliott	Bob Gallagher
Buzz Henifin	Graham Purchase
Lynn Jankus	Peter Tiberi
Martha Keller	Jeff Gordon
Vicky Mertes	Helen Truitt
Muns Farestad	Glen Urquhart
Barbara Sorgeler	Sarah Cooksey
CAC Alternates Present	Barbara Lifflander Carol Bason
None	Members of the General Public
Members of the Press	Mike Jandzen
Laura Ritter, Cape Gazette	David Straub
Rachel Swick, Cape Gazette	Center for the Inland Bays Staff & Board
CAC Members not present	Rick Eakle
Arleen Wilkes	Sally Boswell
April Willey	Eric Buehl

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by CAC Acting Chair, Lloyd Hughes. It was noted that there was a quorum. This was followed by introductions and the pledge of allegiance.

Jim Elliot moved that the Minutes of the last meeting be approved; Buzz Henifin seconded; they were accepted by the membership.

Introduction of new members and announcement of resignation of members.

Resignations from CAC accepted by the membership:

Bob Collins, former chair of CAC

Joe Farrell, University of DE, Sea Grant

Sarah Cooksey, DNREC

Applications of individuals accepted into CAC membership were announced:

Barbara Sorgler
Barbara Lifflander
Carol Bason

It was noted that under our CAC's operating guidelines, CAC members are required to live in the Inland Bays watershed. One of the new members presented at this meeting who does not live in the watershed raised the concern regarding residency. It was noted that there is a precedent on the CAC of a member who does not live in the watershed *A motion was made that all three members presented for membership be approved, but that the CAC commit to reviewing the Operating Guidelines in early 2007 to address the residency issue. The motion carried.*

It was noted that a Nomination Committee needed to be formed to fill the position of CAC Chair. Three CAC members agreed to serve:

Lynn Jankus, Ron Wuslich, Vicky Mertes

They were reminded that their service on the Nominating Committee did not preclude their nomination for this position. *They will be given their charge following this meeting.*

Old Business

Reports

- Martha Keller gave a short report on the status of the subcommittee reviewing the CCMP. Specifically, they are looking at two of the five plans; the Land use action Plan and the Habitat Protection Plan. She estimated that their work would take approximately one year to complete. The Board Chair stated that the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors rejected the interim report presented by the subcommittee and asked that they commit themselves to completing an objective, non-political report; the subcommittee chair took issue with his remarks. They agreed to discuss it further after the meeting.

Presentation: Pollution Control Strategy Buffer Analysis-Chris Bason

Chris Bason presented a presentation on his analysis of the PCS Buffer Strategy which compares the strategy presented in the spring 2006 plan with the changes presented in the August 2006 plan. Details of his analysis are available in a "white paper" which can be accessed from the homepage of the CIB website.

Board chair Rick Eakle noted that this analysis was carried out in response to changes in the proposed Pollution Control Strategy that resulted from a Senate Resolution passed in June 2005 after strong lobbying by special interests concerned with impact of development.

The CIB has invited legislators to attend a briefing to hear about the buffer strategy and have an opportunity to ask questions about the proposed changes and how they will impact water quality in the Inland Bays.

It was recommended by CIB Staff that the CAC sponsor a gathering of environmental organizations in the Inland Bays watershed who have shared concerns regarding the pollution control strategy to brief them on the buffer analysis done by Chris Bason. The Board Chair said that the meeting should be expanded to include all stakeholders.

No final decision of the date or invitees was made, but there was general agreement that CAC sponsor a meeting in early December. Muns Farested expressed appreciation for CIB's stand on the buffer issue.

There was a short discussion of citizens and leaders who should be briefed on the buffer analysis. They included town mayors and managers, SCAT, HOA's, AARP chapters. A number of ideas for reaching citizens were discussed. They included: making CD's of the Buffer Analysis presentation available for distribution to organizations, community associations, and other interested parties.

A motion was put to the floor that CAC sponsor one of more meetings on the buffer issue, the first to bring together local environmental leaders. The motion was made by Ron Wuslich, seconded by Martha Keller, and was approved by the membership.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to CAC members about this CAC sponsored meeting(s) to invite interested CAC members to participate. It was suggested that the meeting be held in early December.

Members present were asked about the time of CAC meetings. It was suggested that members be polled to see if other meeting times would make it more possible for them to participate regularly. One member suggested that the membership consider re-scheduling the winter meeting so that it doesn't fall in January, February or March, so that members who spend the winter outside the area would not miss the winter meeting.

It was asked that advance notice for the meetings continue to be sent by postcard and email and that the meeting date, time and agenda be posted on the CIB website. An updated CAC contact list was distributed and members were reminded that it was to be used for their personal use only to contact other members.

Next Meeting

A December meeting will not be held since CAC members will attend the public meeting to be held the first week in December.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully reviewed and submitted,

Lloyd Hughes, Acting Chair

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