

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS

Citizens' Advisory Committee DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Center for the Inland Bays
Rehoboth Beach, DE
August 26, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

CAC Members Present	Public Officials
Ron Wuslich, Chair	Joan Deaver
Bob Adams	
John Austin	
Bob Collins	Press
Bob Cubbison	Leah Hoenen
Bob Gallagher	Monica Fleming
Harry Haon	
Pete Keenan	Members of the General Public
Carl Mantegna	Wendy Baker
Doug Parham	Bill Moyer
Shirley Price	Bill Zak
Graham Purchase	
Todd Smallwood	
Helen Truitt	
David Truitt	
CAC Members Not In Attendance	
Steve Callanen	CIB Board and Staff
Martha Keller	Rick Eakle
Barbara Lifflander	Joanne Cabry
Vicky Mertes	Ed Lewandowski
Cheryl Rehrig	Sally Boswell
Barbara Sorgeler	

MINUTES:

Welcome and Introductions

Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair Ron Wuslich called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. This was followed by the Pledge to the Flag and introductions.

Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports

Martha Keller asked if there were any corrections to the June 24, 2009 meeting minutes. A change was recommended by Harry Haon. Martha Keller made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Robert Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Election of Officers

The slate of nominations for CAC officers was presented by the chair of the Nominating Committee, Bob Gallagher. Shirley Price made a motion to accept the slate nominations as presented and Robert Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Inland Bays Water Quality

Dr. Ed Whereat, Program Coordinator at the University of Delaware College of Earth, Ocean and Environment, gave a presentation on the Inland Bays Citizen Monitoring Program. The powerpoint of the presentation will be posted under CAC Publications and Reports on the CIB website.

CAC Plans for the Remainder of 2009

At the last meeting, Chairman Ron Wuslich put those in attendance into three groups and asked that they discuss and recommend two or three issues that they would like to see CAC focus on for the remainder of this year. The Chairman provided handouts of the summaries of those recommendations. The handout is attached to the minutes.

Position Statement: "Sussex County Landuse"

A position statement prepared by the CAC Management Committee regarding Sussex County 'Land Use' and dated August 26, 2009, was distributed and read. A copy of the position statement is attached to the minutes. A motion was made by Bob Collins to accept the position statement and was seconded by Harry Haon. The floor was open to discussion. Rick Eakle, Chair of the CIB Board of Directors, ask the CAC to make sure that any position statement adopted by CAC is not inconsistent with decisions made by the Board of Directors at previous meetings and cautioned that they may not want to take a position inconsistent with the Board. It was clarified that the CAC is not asking the Board to re-consider their earlier decision, but only to state the position of the Citizens Advisory Committee on an issue of interest and concern to it. The committee agreed that it would be read to the Board at their next meeting and that they would be guided by the Board's direction. The position statement was amended and a motion was made by Bob Collins that the CAC accept the Position Statement as amended. It was seconded by Martha Keller and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution entitled "Coal Ash Mitigation within the Inland Bays Estuary"

This resolution, prepared by the Management Committee was distributed to members and read by Chairman Wuslich. A copy of the resolution is attached to the Minutes. Harry Haon moved to accept the resolution as read and Graham Purchased seconded the motion. The floor was opened to discussion. It was suggested that a date for completion of the study be included; October 1, 2010. Concern was expressed about creating an unrealistic timetable that would compromise the study. The resolution was amended to read, "That group should have a plan of action proposed by the end of October 2010." A motion was made by Martha Keller to accept the resolution as amended. It was seconded by Bob Adams. The resolution passed as modified.

Presentation by Bill Moyer

The Chairman granted time to Bill Moyer to make a short presentation to the CAC membership. He commended the CAC for the work that they have done on the Land Use issue, but stated his belief that the Inland Bays watershed is not being protected because of poor land use planning and that the public is shut out of the land use planning process. He proposed that there be enabling legislation called the Inland Bays Protection Act that would look at voluntary requirements presently in effect and create statutes, pass laws to protect the Inland Bays. He expressed the hope that the CAC could support such legislation.

Next Meeting

The date for next CAC meeting is set for Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the CIB.

Adjournment

At 6:20 p.m. it was motioned and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully reviewed and submitted,
Ron Wuslich, Chair
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