

# CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS

## Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Center for the Inland Bays Indian River Inlet Facility  
Rehoboth Beach, DE  
September 12, 2006

### IN ATTENDANCE:

<b>CAC Members Present</b>	Buzz Henifin
Sarah Cooksey	Bob Horst
Joe DeMul	Vicky Mertes
Muns Farestad	Peter Tiberi
Lloyd Hughes (Acting Chair)	Helen Truitt
Lynn Jankus	Arleen Wilkes
Martha Keller	April Willey
Graham Purchase	<b>Members of the General Public</b>
Glen Urquhart	Rick Eakle
Ron Wuslich	Bill McGowan
<b>CAC Alternates Present</b>	Connie Holland, Office of State Planning
None	Bryan Hall, Office of State Planning
<b>CAC Members Not In Attendance</b>	Carol Bason
Andrew Auwerda	Rachel Swick, Cape Gazette
June Connor	Sara Smith, Delaware Wave
Bob Cubbison	<b>Center for the Inland Bays Staff</b>
Jim Elliott	Ed Lewandowski
Joe Farrell	Chris Bason
Bob Gallagher	Sally Boswell
Jeff Gordon	Eric Buehl

### MINUTES:

#### Welcome and Introductions

Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Acting Chairman Lloyd Hughes called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. This was followed by introductions and the Pledge of Allegiance. Immediately following this, it was announced that CAC Chair Bob Collins had resigned and that Lloyd Hughes would temporarily serve as Chair until an election could be held.

*Review and Approval of the May 24 Meeting Minutes* – after a review of the draft May 24 CAC meeting minutes, it was asked that Barbara Lifflander and Barbara Sorgeler's names be added to the CAC Ad-Hoc Committee report on page 3. Martha Keller motioned, seconded by Ron Wuslich, that the May 24 meeting minutes be accepted as revised. The motion passed by voice vote with no dissensions or abstentions.

### **An Overview of the Preliminary Land Use Service (PLUS) Process**

Connie Holland, Director of the Office of State Planning Coordination, introduced Bryan Hall, the new Circuit-Rider Planner for Sussex County. Connie gave an overview of the various laws in Delaware that have led to current land use planning efforts across the State. She spoke about the requirements of Livable Delaware, the State Strategies for Policies and Spending, various House and Senate bills that dealt with land use, Quality of Life Act requirements, as well as the overhaul of the Land Use Planning Act (LUPA) process that ultimately led to the PLUS process. The most important aspect of PLUS is that comments from various resource agencies are submitted much earlier in the planning and design process, before the County or municipality makes their final decision.

She also spoke about the upcoming update to the Sussex County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. She suggested that CAC members, and the public in general, be realistic and specific when offering comments at public hearings. Urging for the protection of aquifers or calling for adequate sewer capacity is realistic, where comments such as "I don't want any more homes" doesn't help in defining the issues of concern. She suggested that CAC have representatives attend meetings, that they let the Office State Planning Coordination know what issues are of concern, and to work for strong environmental criteria for ordinances.

### **CCMP Review Subcommittee Report**

Martha Keller reported that there appeared to be some confusion about what the subcommittee had been working on and what the CIB Board of Directors was anticipating as a final product. There was a brief discussion about the need for a meeting between the Board and CAC to discuss roles and expectations. This was followed by a discussion about the roles and responsibilities of CAC members.

### **Old Business**

The issue of requirements for CAC member meeting attendance was brought up by Lloyd Hughes and Ed Lewandowski. Comments on the subject offered from the membership ranged from allowing for excused absences; that CAC is a volunteer organization and attendance should have some flexibility; to the importance of attending as much as possible to remain informed. This was followed by a conversation about CAC and advocacy, educating the public, and using the issues referenced in the CCMP as guidelines for various activities.

### **New Business**

There was no new business brought before the Committee.

### **Next Meeting**

The next CAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at the Center's Indian River Inlet Facility.

### **Adjournment**

At 6:41 p.m. it was motioned that the meeting be adjourned, which passed by voice vote with no dissensions or abstentions.

Respectfully reviewed and submitted,

Lloyd Hughes, Acting Chair  
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