



Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Citizen's Cafe Agenda

DATE & TIME: *THU: November 04 2021 from 6:00 - 7:45pm*

LOCATION: Zoom. All must register

Registration link:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Nov 4, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Center for the Inland Bays

39375 Inlet Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Meeting called to order by: Claire Simmers

Attendees:

CAC: Tom Brett Rick Chamberlin Linda Grande John Grandy Claire Simmers Richard Watson

CIB: Jackie Knoll; Lisa Swanger; Mary Kunst

Public: David Christopher, Marine Education Specialist (Delaware Sea Grant), Georgiana Jackson

CAC not in attendance: Dennis Bartow, Gary Cannon, Pete Keenan Amanda Pappas, Frank Piorko, Jalyne Powell, Cheryl Rehrig

Theme: Coastal Community Education

AGENDA

6:00-6:05 Gathering – Welcome

6:05-6:35 CIB Storytelling - 10 min presentation; 20 min Q&A

Jackie Knoll – Head Environment Educator

Overview of the Education Department which is a large part of the Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP).

- James Farm Preserve is the center for delivering environmental educational programs with CIB. Hands on, real, world examples. Working on broadening reach to make programs more accessible from a distance.
- Types of programs:
 - a) school programs (pre-K through 12); historically working with Indian River School system and working with Cape Henlopen, charter schools, and private schools to get as many children connected as possible. Goal is to reach 1-2K students.
 - b) public programs held at James Farm Preserve – over 500 so far in 2021, both youth and adult programs
 - c) Journey up the Coast – partnered with Maryland's Coastal Bays Program (also a National Estuary Program) – all virtual events with learning boxes for hands-on-learning
- Surveying to learn about demographics and what is doing well; growing partnerships with schools for field trips; reaching new and diverse audiences throughout the watersheds
- James Farm Master Plan will round out and enhance the educational programs with infrastructure such as a three-season building, bathrooms, parking.
- Host 3-5 lectures as well
- Accessibility is key

6:35-7:05 Citizen Storytelling – 10 min presentation; 20 min Q&A

David Christopher, Marine Education Specialist (Delaware Sea Grant)

- Delaware Sea Grant – partnership NOAA, State of DE, and part from the University of DE – Science Serving Delaware (College of Marine and Ocean)
- Four areas:
 - Healthy Coastal Ecosystems
 - Resilient Communities & Economies
 - Sustainable Fisheries & Aquaculture
 - Environmental literacy & Workforce development
- Sea Grant is national with 24 programs
- David has a rich and varied career experience in marine education
- Environmental literacy – need more informed decisions about environment and oceans (in particular); wind energy literacy is also important
- 15 second science concepts videos are important informational tools
- Extensive teacher professional development outreach – conferences and workshops
- Chesapeake Bay Bowl – student participation in competitions – local, state, regional and national

7:05-7:15 Citizen's Input

- Outreach and education in our communities from the science is needed
- Waterfront property owner's handbook is almost ready for distribution
 - Visually attractive book with resources for further research and knowledge
- Flooding and impact on people, plants, animals (land based and aquatic)

7:15-7:45 CAC Storytelling - administrative discussions

- a. Approval of minutes: August 05, 2021 Linda Grande motioned to accept and Richard Watson seconded. Unanimous vote to approve of those present.
- b. Center Updates: Lisa Swanger – Outreach and Education Coordinator
 - a. Deeded Out Fund Raising Event update: 34 sponsors; 195 attendees; raised over \$52,000. Thanks everyone!
 - b. Volunteer recruiting for Sun, Nov 14 Tree Planting of saplings; 10:00-1:00pm with Delaware Wildlands. Pre-registration required; details on the CIB web page.
 - c. 2021 CCMP Nov 19 11:00-12:30 in Dewey Beach. CCMP is available on CIB web page. This is a press event; not a public event.
 - d. Volunteer Appreciation and Friends of the Bays event – Dec. 06 4-7:00pm virtual event
 - e. Native Plant Sale and Family Waterfest (DNREC) – May 14, 2022. James Farm Ecological Preserve. Inviting local Garden Centers and planning is in progress
- c. Discussion of next steps on two approved resolutions
 1. Hatchery Update: CIB Board and staff working on this
 - a. Rick Chamberlin discussed further role for CAC members. Claire Simmers and Lisa Swanger will arrange further discussions.
 2. Tree Canopy
 - a. Better Data
 - i. Todd Lawson and the county gathering
 - ii. Office of State Planning (Chris Bason and Claire Simmers meeting)
 - b. Buffer Ordinance

- i. Todd Lawson's office working on drafting for intro in 2022.
- d. Status of CAC Proposals
 - a. Revised checklist discussed and it can be used to guide proposal development as well as proposal review by the CAC
 - b. 4.2021 - Diamondback Terrapin Protection
 - i. Added derelict crab pots endangering Terrapins and other marine and fish life outreach and education in addition to the removal
 - ii. John Grandy would like to continue to discuss this with Lisa Swanger and Amanda Pappas who submitted the original proposal (4.2021)
 - c. Work on submitted proposals in progress and new proposals welcome
 - i. Claire Simmers sent CAC members a tracking sheet with the updated status of proposals
- e. CAC role and membership recruitment
 - a. Lisa Swanger discussed the importance of recruiting CAC members from all stakeholder groups
 - b. Claire Simmers will circulate the current list of stakeholders and CAC members for update.

Motion to adjourn by John Grandy; seconded by Linda Grande at 8:00pm. Unanimous approval by those present.

CAC 2022 Meeting Schedule:

CAC
6PM - 8:00PM
Center Conference Room
Thursday, February 17, 2022
Thursday, April 28, 2022
Thursday, August 4, 2022
Thursday, October 27, 2022

Respectfully submitted

C.A. Simmers

Claire A. Simmers
November 5, 2021