



Mobile Bay National Estuary Program Community Action Committee Meeting

Five Rivers Delta Center
Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 11:30

Minutes

Attendance:

Ossia Edwards, Prichard Environmental Restorative Keepers
Lavonne Reed, Prichard Environmental Restorative Keepers
Tuan Do, Boat People SOS
Dennis Hatfield, Little Lagoon Preservation Society
Mark Berte, Alabama Coastal Foundation
Evan Corneille, Alabama Coastal Foundation
Ashley Campbell, D'Olive Working Group
Leslie Gahagan, Wolf Bay Watershed
Sam St. John, Fowl River Area Civic Association
Lloyd Culp, Friends of Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge
Larry Freeman, Bon Secour River Protection Association

Harold White, Fowl River Area Civic Association
Jim Horner, Fairhope Environmental Advisory Board
Stefanie Christensen, Mobile Baykeeper
Brian Carson, Mobile Bay Kayak Fishing Association
Casi Callaway, Mobile Baykeeper
Patsy Parker, Town of Perdido Beach
Ellen Leslie, Town of Perdido Beach
Gary Gover, Fairhope Environmental Advisory Board
Ray Mayhall, Fowl River Area Civic Association
Ben Raines, Weeks Bay Reserve Foundation
Kendall Dexter, Mobile County Wildlife and Conservation Association
David Dueitt, Lake Forest Improvement Committee

MBNEP Staff: Roberta Swann, Kelley Barfoot, Christian Miller

1. Call to order

CAC Chair Casi Callaway called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

2. Welcome and introductions

Mrs. Callaway welcomed attendees and asked for each to introduce themselves to the group. Mrs. Callaway introduced Mrs. Roberta Swann and asked that she facilitate the meeting.

3. CAC overview

Mrs. Swann opened the meeting by giving an overview of the Mobile Bay NEP. She discussed the MBNEP Management Conference and each of the committee roles. Mrs.

Swann discussed the MBNEP's focus areas of ecosystem status and trends, restoration and protection, technical assistance and capacity building, community awareness, education and involvement. She discussed the Community Action Committee's past accomplishments, challenges, gaps, and current opportunities. Mrs. Swann gave an overview of the development of the new CCMP and what people value most about living in coastal Alabama. She asked the group how the CAC can protect these values over the next five years. Mrs. Swann showed the group the Recommended Priority Actions (Recognize and Promote Existing Initiatives, Involve Residents, Educate and Comment). Mrs. Swann discussed the importance of having a plan and charged the group to develop a five year strategy.

4. Who should be at the table?

Mrs. Callaway gave a short overview of the next steps for the CAC and asked if anyone should be added to the CAC. Suggestions made: Baldwin County Trailblazers, SmartCoast, Alabama Wildlife Federation, Coastal Conservation Association, Coastal Fisherman's Association, Alabama Rivers Alliance, Public Works Departments (representative).

5. Election of co-chairs

Mrs. Swann gave a short bio of each candidate, Casi Callaway and Leslie Gahagan. She opened the floor for any additional nominations, no additional candidates were nominated. Mr. Mark Berte made a motion for Mrs. Callaway and Mrs. Gahagan to be co-chairs for the CAC. Mr. Ray Mayhall seconded the motion.

Mr. Christian Miller briefly discussed the Alabama Water Watch program. He stated this was a good opportunity for each group to monitor their local water ways.

Mrs. Callaway made a suggestion to schedule the next CAC meeting and asked the group for the best time, location and days. The group responded that lunch time on Thursdays was best and for the location to be at Five Rivers. The next meeting is set to be open to the public on Thursday October 17, 2013 at Five Rivers Delta Resource Center from 10:30 – 1:30.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.