



Mobile Bay National Estuary Program
Community Action Committee
Wednesday, May 8, 2019
Five Rivers Delta Center
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Guest Speakers
 - a. Resources for Resilience to Future Flooding – Mikaela Heming
 - b. Master Environmental Education – Ashley Campbell, Amy Newbold
3. Hazardous Waste Guide Outline
4. Rain Gauge Purchases
5. AWW Upcoming Meeting & Scholarship Opportunity
6. Next Steps

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In Attendance:

Mark Berte, Alabama Coastal Foundation
Ashley Campbell, City of Daphne
Leslie Gahagan, Wolf Bay Watershed Watch
Mikaela Hemming, MS State-Northern Gulf of Mexico Sentinel Site Cooperative
Cade Kistler, Mobile Baykeeper
Ray Mayhall, Fowl River Area Civic Association
Amy Newbold, EPA
Ronald Phelps, Little Lagoon Preservation Society
Tina Miller-Way, Dauphin Island Sea Lab

MINUTES

Take-aways:

- Northern Gulf of Mexico Resilience to Future Flooding Request for Project Ideas submission deadline is May 24, 2019.
- Baldwin County Extension Office is seeking volunteers for their Master Environmental Education Program.
- Rain Gauge request deadline is May 23, 2019.
- AWW Annual Meeting scholarship opportunity, 16 scholarships available.

Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Kelley Barfoot opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and gave a brief overview of the agenda. She asked everyone to introduce themselves and asked for the CAC members to welcome the guest speakers as well as guest from the Community Resources Committee. She then opened the floor to the first guest speaker, Mikaela Heming who is a project coordinator with the Northern Gulf of Mexico Sentinel Site Cooperative and Mississippi State University Coastal Research & Extension Center.

Guest Speakers

Ms. Heming introduced herself to the group and began her presentation by asking members about various flooding scenarios they have experienced in their communities. Several members raised their hands to experience flash flooding and stormwater flooding. Ms. Heming then showed several videos regarding flooding and how it can be related to sea level rise. The group discussed the videos and Ms. Heming talked about possible solutions along with a case study video. She then gave a brief overview of the Northern Gulf of Mexico Resilience to Future Flooding Request for Project Ideas. She stated the request is for coastal northern Gulf communities interested in increasing their resilience to sea-level rise and future flooding. Interested communities should submit a project idea that focuses on becoming more resilient to sea-level rise, future flooding, and related hazards. Information on these hazards in the northern Gulf and examples of what other Gulf communities have done are available on the “Resilience to Future Flooding” page at www.ngomssc.org. The submission deadline is May 24, 2019.

Additional information is attached.

Ms. Barfoot introduced the second guest speakers, Amy Newbold and Ashley Campbell, who gave a presentation and demonstration regarding the Master Environmental Education Program. Ms. Campbell stated the program was established by the Baldwin County Extension Office in Baldwin County. Ms. Newbold stated the environmental lessons available are The Water Cycle, Backyard Wildlife Habitat, Recycling, Groundwater Pollution, Aquatic Nuisance Species, Energy, Invasive Plant Species, NEW Alabama Water Watch, and NEW Stormwater Pollution. She stated each trained volunteer will be equipped with all the necessary materials and kits needed to teach the lessons at schools. Ms. Campbell stated they would like to expand the program to Mobile County and eventually state wide and would like for CAC members and their groups members to consider becoming a trained volunteer. More information can be found at <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/county-resources/master-environmental-educator/>.

Hazardous Waste Guide Outline

Ms. Barfoot gave a brief update regarding the Citizens Guide to Hazardous Waste. She stated herself and the co-chairs are working to complete a draft and will send out to the members for

their feedback. She asked that members please review and provide comments. The draft should be completed by September 2019.

Rain Gauge Purchases

Ms. Barfoot informed the group the NEP has agreed to purchase rain gauges for members to expand the current citizen science program. The NEP has allotted \$500.00 for rain gauge purchases. She stated all request should be sent to her, kbarfoot@mobilebaynep.com no later than May 23, 2019. Once all request is submitted, the gauges will be purchased and distributed.

AWW Upcoming Meeting & Scholarship Opportunity

Ms. Barfoot reminded the members the Alabama Water Watch meeting will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at Blakely State Park. She stated the NEP agreed to provide scholarships to current place-based group monitors to attend the meeting and to encourage local participation. She stated there are 16 scholarships remaining and encouraged members to please take advantage of the opportunity. All monitors interested should register online for the meeting and email their meeting registration to kbarfoot@mobilebaynep.com. Only 20 scholarships were available, and they are given on a first come, first serve basis.

Homework

Co-Chairs & MBNEP:

- Work on completing the Hazardous Waste Guide.

Members:

- Submit rain gauge request before May 23, 2019.
- Encourage members to attend the AWW Annual Meeting and to take advantage of the scholarship opportunity.
- Provide input and comment on Hazardous Waste Guide.

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Time: 10-12 p.m.

Location: Five Rivers Delta Center