

Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2009

Members in attendance

Daniel Alberdi, Jeremy Burris, Hallie Calig, Deborah Cope, Roy Davis, Wayne Echelberger, Ph.D., Harold Falls, Melanie Higgins, Ann Hodgson, Ph.D., Joy Ingram, David Jellerson, Kim Koleos, Cam Oberting, George Parker, Jr., Sharon Terrill-Elfers

Members absent

Vicki Kenyon, Dale Meryman, Ph.D.

Guests

None

EPC Staff in attendance

Richard Garrity, Ph.D., Executive Director; Richard Tschantz, General Counsel; Mike Thompson, Wetlands and Watershed Management Division; Hooshang Boostani, Waste Management Director; Richard Boler, Wetlands and Watershed Management.

I. Regular Business

Chairman Jellerson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

a) Public Comment

No one from the public was in attendance.

b) Approval of September 14, 2009 Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes; the motion carried.

c) Review – September 17, 2009 EPC Meeting

Dr. Garrity provided a brief review of the September meeting.

- Staff had ~~three~~ submitted three requests for authorization to pursue legal action which were approved by the Commission.
- The Commission authorized setting a Public Hearing to consider amendments to Chapter 1-6, Services-Fee Schedule, for October 15, 2009.
- Dr. Garrity presented the annual State of the Environment report.
- Holly Greening, Tampa Bay Estuary Program, updated the Commission on the Nitrogen Management Consortium.
- The Wetlands and Watershed Management staff gave an update on the DEP's proposed reclassification of surface water bodies.
- The Legal Department will submit an information report regarding the issuance of local emergency orders for natural disasters.

d) Preview –October 15, 2009 EPC Meeting

Dr. Garrity gave a brief summary of the items to be included on the October agenda.

- The EPC will conduct a public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to Chapter 1-6, Services-Fee Schedule.
- The Executive Director will give an update on the EPC's involvement with the Sterling Management program and the Hillsborough River Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP).

- Waste Management staff will give an informational update on the development of the Mulch Best Management Practices guidance policy.
- Tom Ash will present staff's and CEAC's recommendations on the PRF projects to the Commission and will request that the Commission take action on approving/denying the projects.
- Staff will update the Commission on the State's fertilizer legislation and the proposed rulemaking.
- Staff will submit the results of the Executive Director's evaluation.

II. Items for Discussion, Action or Presentation

a.) Hybrid Plan update – Mike Thompson, Wetlands and Watershed Division, gave a power point presentation that provided an update on the implementation of the Hybrid plan. He discussed the rule changes; identified the additional data tracking initiated to help measure effectiveness; pointed out the customer service enhancements and interagency coordination efforts. Mr. Thompson responded to questions raised by CEAC members regarding the Hybrid plan.

b.) Review of Proposed Amendments to Chapter 1-6, Services-Fee Schedule – Mike Thompson utilized a power point presentation to outline the proposed amendments to Chapter 1-6. The amendments pertain to the Tampa Port Authority delegation and reflect an increase in the fee assessed for the Tampa Port Authority's delegation to EPC of minor work permits. **CEAC voted to support Staff's recommendation, 13 approve, 2 oppose.**

c.) Greenways Discussion – The discussion of this item was coordinated by CEAC members Ann Hodgson, Ph.D. and Wayne Echelberger, Ph.D. Dr. Hodgson provided an overview of the Greenways planning process; the Master Plan and the Greenways System and responded to questions raised by CEAC members.

d.) Bylaw Review – Rick Tschantz, General Counsel, reviewed the prior discussion regarding written communication by CEAC members that triggered the present Bylaw review. The Committee reviewed the current Bylaws and made suggested changes. The suggested changes will be provided to CEAC members in writing prior to the November 2nd meeting. The Committee will vote on the proposed amendments during their November meeting and the amendments will be brought to the Commission for approval at the next regular EPC meeting.

Other Business

At this time, Hallie Calig, initiated a discussion regarding the appointment of a nominating committee for the upcoming election of the CEAC Chairman and Vice Chairman. Hallie was appointed as Chairman of the nominating committee along with Harold Falls and Danny Alberdi as members.

Agenda Items for November 2, 2009 CEAC Meeting

Joy Ingram is scheduled to make a presentation on the use of plastic bags at retail outlets. Additional items added to the November agenda include a review of the proposed Bylaw amendments; a presentation of the State of the Environment Report; and a presentation of DEP's proposed reclassification of surface water bodies.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.