

## **Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – November 2, 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, Dale Meryman, Ph.D., Cam Oberting, Sharon Terrill-Elfers

### **Members absent**

Vicki Kenyon

### **Guests**

Janet Dougherty

### **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 spoke at this time.

#### **b) Approval of November 2, 2009 Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the minutes with two corrections: on page one, under Item I (c) Review of September 17, 2009 EPC Meeting, first bullet delete the first “three” and on page 2, under Item II (b) Review of Proposed Amendments to Chapter 1-6, Services-Fee Schedule add that CEAC voted to support staff’s recommendation, approve 13, oppose 2.

#### **c) Review –October 15, 2009 EPC Meeting**

Dr. Garrity provided a brief review of the October EPC meeting.

- Staff reviewed the Cooperative Agreement between the EPC and Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation and Conservation Dept. for Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve Saltern Habitat Restoration and recommended the EPC approve the agreement. The Board did approve the agreement.
- The EPC conducted a public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to Chapter 1-6, Services-Fee Schedule regarding the Tampa Port Authority delegation of minor work permits. The Commission voted to approve the staff recommended changes.
- The Executive Director provided updates on the EPC’s involvement with the Sterling Management program and the Hillsborough River Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP).
- A Proclamation declaring the week of November 1, 2009 as “ Brownfields Redevelopment Week” in Hillsborough County was approved.
- Waste Management staff gave an informational update on the development of the Mulch Best Management Practices guidance policy.

- Tom Ash presented EPC staff's and CEAC's recommendations on the 2009 PRF projects to the Commission. Staff and CEAC recommended funding four of the ten projects submitted and the Commission approved funding for six out of the ten projects
- Bob Stetler provided an informational update on the State's fertilizer legislation and the efforts undertaken by staff in the development of a proposed ordinance/rule. A motion was made to schedule a workshop to discuss the issue.
- Staff submitted the results of the Executive Director's evaluation.

**d) Preview –December 17, 2009 EPC Meeting**

The November EPC meeting has been cancelled and the next scheduled meeting is December 17, 2009. Some of the issues under consideration for the December meeting agenda include:

- The Nitrogen Management Consortium Reasonable Assurance agreement
- Noise Abatement Study at Eastbay Raceway
- Asbestos Coordination Update
- Affirmative Action Plan Update
- Mulch Use BMP Workshop on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. – update

Dr. Garrity informed CEAC that the Fertilizer Rule/Ordinance Workshop would be held on December 9, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. and provided background information regarding this issue.

**e) CEAC Meeting Calendar for 2010**

A motion was made to adopt the proposed calendar with the meetings for April and July being held on the second Monday of the month, April 12<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup> due to conflicts with Easter Sunday and the Fourth of July, respectively.

**II. Items for Discussion, Action or Presentation**

**a) Limiting Use of Plastic Bags at Retail Outlets (Joy Ingram presenter)**

CEAC member Joy Ingram introduced this discussion by presenting a historical timeline from the introduction of paper bags in 1859 to the introduction of plastic grocery bags in 1977. Ms. Ingram explained that the Florida Legislature has charged the FDEP with conducting a study of both the efficacy and the necessity of statewide and local regulation of plastic bags and they have until February 1, 2010 to finalize the report. The first draft of the report was issued and later withdrawn; however, Ms. Ingram did summarize the content of the draft report for the Committee. She discussed educational and training options, and initiated discussion as to what role and/or options CEAC could take with regard to this issue.

Hooshang Boostani, Waste Management Director, informed the Committee that EPC staff has been asked to research this issue.

The Committee asked Ms. Ingram to continue to update them regarding this issue.

**b) Review of Proposed Bylaw Amendments**

CEAC members received a draft of the proposed Bylaw amendments, discussion ensued and a motion was made to recommend to the Commission that they adopt the proposed Bylaw amendments. The motion carried 14 to 1.

**c) State of The Environment Report (Richard Garrity, Ph.D., Executive Director)**

Dr. Garrity gave the Annual State of the Environment Report which was presented in an electronic format.

### **III. Other Business**

Harold Falls provided information about the recent Phosphate Conference.

Dale Meryman informed the Committee that the Water Conservation Technical Advisory Committee quarterly meeting had been cancelled.

#### **Agenda Items for January 4, 2010 CEAC Meeting**

The Nomination and Election of the CEAC Chairman and Vice Chairman is scheduled for the January meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.