

**Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee
January 3, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Members in attendance

Hallie Calig, Deborah Cope, Tony D'Aquila, Roy Davis, Wayne Echelberger, Ph.D., Dale Meryman, John Miller, Cam Oberting, James P. Harris, Sr.

Members absent

Daniel Alberdi, Daniel Bostrom, Jeremy Burris, Janet Dougherty, Harold Falls,

Guests

None

EPC Staff in attendance

Richard Garrity, Executive Director; Richard Tschantz; General Counsel; Jeannette Figari, CEAC Liaison.

1. Call to Order

The Vice Chairman, Dr. Wayne Echelberger, called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting in Mr. Alberdi's absence. At the request of the Chairman, Dr. Echelberger read into the record the following statement: "Unfortunately I am unable to attend January's CEAC meeting as I will be out of the Country. If it is the group's pleasure, and I am nominated. I am willing to serve as the CEAC chair for another term."

2. Approval of the November 1, 2010 Minutes

A call for a vote to approve the November meeting minutes was delayed due to the lack of a quorum. Dr. Echelberger asked both the new appointees and the returning members to introduce themselves. Following the introductions, with a quorum present, a motion was made to approve the November 1, 2010 CEAC meeting minutes. No changes or corrections were noted and the motion passed 9-0.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Review of the December 16, 2010 EPC Regular Meeting

Dr. Garrity provided a summary of the items that were addressed at the December meeting:

- Dr. Garrity welcomed the newly elected Commissioners
- Danny Alberdi, CEAC Chairman, introduced himself and informed the Commission that the December CEAC meeting had been cancelled. He welcomed the new Commissioners and congratulated Commissioner Beckner on his election as EPC Chairman.
- Dr. Garrity provided an overview of the Agency, its mission and duties and he elaborated on several current issues, projects and programs.
- Each Division Director gave a report on current projects or programs within their respective division.

Dr. Garrity discussed some of the questions raised by the Commissioners during the December meeting and some of the actions taken during that meeting; specifically citing the resolution to support consumer rebates for energy related expenditures and the resolution to fund the Inland Protection Trust Fund.

In response to an inquiry from Dr. Echelberger, Dr. Garrity also provided a summary of the items that were addressed at the November EPC meeting. Dr. Echelberger offered congratulations to Dr. Garrity on the favorable report he received at the November meeting regarding the Executive Director's evaluation.

5. Preview of the January 27, 2011 EPC Regular Meeting

Dr. Garrity indicated that, at this time, there was only one item on the Agenda for January. A final administrative hearing would be conducted in the Evelyn Romano vs. City of Tampa and EPC appeal.

6. Nomination and Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

There was discussion among the CEAC members regarding the nomination process. Concerns were raised about electing a Chairman and Vice Chairman while several Commissioner appointments were still vacant or not yet confirmed. Jim Harris made a motion to delay the nomination and election to the February meeting and to have the current officers remain in place until that time. The motion was seconded by Tony D'Aquila and it passed unanimously.

7. Discuss/Identify Agenda Items for 2011 Calendar Year

Some administrative issues and possible agenda topics were raised during this segment of the meeting. There was a discussion of the Bylaws and CEAC's role, inquiries were made about the issuance of decals pursuant to the recently adopted Fertilizer Rule; interest in the public lands inventory was expressed, and items were identified for inclusion on the February through May agendas.

The items identified for the February Agenda were: the nomination for and election of the CEAC officers; an update on the Pollution Recovery Fund (PRF) Cycle; update on the decals; discussion of the Sunshine Law and Ethics as they apply to CEAC; brief overview of the respective Divisions' main issues and a listing other responsibilities; and a legislative report.

CEAC members agreed that a legislative report be included on the March and April agendas and that a wrap up of the Legislative Session be presented in May. A presentation by the Tampa Bay Watershed Working group was suggested as a possible presentation for the March or May meeting and Dr. Garrity suggested that a presentation on the Air Division's Climate Action Plan in late Spring might be of interest. A suggestion was made to consider that presentation for the May meeting since May is traditionally proclaimed as Clean Air Month.

8. Other Business

Tony D'Aquila mentioned the formation of the Livable Tampa Roundtable, an advocacy group for sustainable growth that meets regularly on the second Wednesday of the month at Tampa Union Station. He identified the participants and offered to forward the information to Dr. Garrity in case any staff members were interested in attending. Mr. D'Aquila also informed the Committee of the Mayoral Candidate Debate scheduled for February 9, 2011 at the St. Pete Times Forum.

John Miller inquired if he would lose his ability to communicate directly with the Commissioners since he is now a member of CEAC. Rick Tschantz responded that he would not and he would still be able to act as a private citizen in speaking with Commissioners. Mr. Miller also inquired if staff had a list of the legislative bills affecting the EPC that he and other members could have. Richard Tschantz responded that during the session, staff does maintain a list of the bills and would share that list, via e-mail, with Mr. Miller and other CEAC members.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.