

SARASOTA BAY ESTUARY PROGRAM
Citizens Advisory Council Committee Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2016
Approved 2/6/2017

CAC Members Present: Justin Bloom, Dick Clapp, Lesley Fleming, Marion Kuster, Ashley Melton, Jack Merriam, Lou Newman, Ken Pierce, Shawn Glen Pierson, Tom Price, Cyndi Seamon, Brad Tanner, Tommy Vaughan-Birch, Chris Warn, Rob Wright

SBEP staff present: Mark Alderson, Executive Director; Marian Pomeroy, Finance Director; Darcy Young, Public Outreach Manager; Christine Quigley, Research and Outreach Assistant, Cheryl Dexter, Executive Assistant

Others present: John Lambie, Executive Director, Florida House Institute; Madison Halcomb, Pine View School student and prospective CAC member

Call to order at 4:45 by Justin Bloom, CAC Chair

John Lambie, Executive Director, Florida House, gave a welcome and introduction to the Florida House's mission and goals

Ken Pierce made a motion to approve CAC meeting minutes from August 1st and October 3rd, 2016. **Tommy Vaughan-Birch** seconded the motion.

Tommy Vaughan-Birch made a motion to recommend **Madison Halcomb** for CAC membership. **Jack Merriam** seconded the motion.

Briana Dobbs, UF Masters graduate, Urban Design Studio, gave a presentation about the suitability of shorelines in Sarasota County for living shorelines projects.

Darcy Young, SBEP Public Outreach Manager, gave an update about the Climate Ready Estuaries Forum held on November 10, 2016 and presented the meeting report.

Mark Alderson, SBEP Director, gave an update about the creation of a Sarasota Bay Environmental Fund and potential models for receiving private and corporate funding.

Lou Newman made a motion, seconded by **Shawn Glen Pierson,** for exploration into creating policies for accepting private funds. The motion passed.

Ken Pierce motioned to amend the above motion for clear separation of the donor from the SBEP program and a transparent evaluation process. The motion, seconded by **Shawn Glen Pierson,** passed with one abstention.

Shawn Pierson suggested inviting Richard Mandell and Kim Horn to a CAC meeting to talk about the master plan for Bobby Jones Golf Club. CAC members were supportive of this idea. Shawn Pierson to provide contact information to **Justin Bloom** and **Darcy Young** to set up a presentation at the February or April 2017 CAC meetings.

Meeting adjourned: 6:45 PM