

Public Works Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

CAC Representatives Present

Dr. Arnold Abrams

Mr. Phil Bomersheim

Ms. Lois Custer

Ms. Sandra Davis

Ms. Sharyn Fox

Mr. Thomas Herbert

Ms. Sharron Kitchen Miller

Ms. Artistine Reid

CAC Representatives Absent

Dr. Harold Cones

Ms. Talysa Parker

Public Works Representatives

Ms. Dori Brown, Solid Waste Division

Mr. H. Reed Fowler, Jr., Administration Division

Mr. Tony Risk, Street Maintenance Division

Mr. Michael Mee, Solid Waste Division Administrator

Mr. Tim Shockley, Solid Waste Division Assistant Administrator

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approve Meeting Minutes

A motion made by Lois Custer and seconded by Sharron Kitchen Miller passed to approve the November 15, 2005 meeting minutes with changes.

Introduction of New Public Works Staff and Youth Representative

Mr. Michael Mee, Solid Waste Division Administrator

Mr. Tim Shockley, Solid Waste Division Assistant Administrator

Ms. Crystal Hill – Youth Rep

Residential “Street Sweeping” Public forum Recap

Lois explains that things are going well in the pilot area and people are excited.

Reed speaks on the behalf of Public Works and the CAC as a Recap of what and how this program has come about. This explanation is directed toward the new members to the CAC. Reed requests Tony to bring the pilot area map to the next meeting. Sharyn Fox has requested to see the letter and response from Ed Maroney.

Re-accreditation Results

Reed speaks on how quick and smooth Newport News was able to complete the process in record time. Sharyn Fox also speaks on the accreditation process and boasts a major victory for Newport News. Reed would like to present this at Public Works week.

Chapter 19 Solid Waste Ordinance Update

Mr. Michael Mee, Solid Waste Division Administrator, explains the advantages such as enforcement of fines by the means of a lien or attaching the fine to a utility bill. By tracking this, Solid Waste can pinpoint habitual offenders and target areas that may need more information about the Solid waste program.

Sewage Overflow Issue

Reed Fowler informed the CAC in great detail about the current Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) federal intervention into municipality sewer maintenance programs. The EPA wants cities to sign agreements requiring them to spend millions of dollars to update and fix old sewage systems. The EPA wants localities to sign agreements by the fall of 2007. Localities would then have three years to identify problems and up to another 10 years to fix them. There has been no identified funding to aid in these upgrades. Mr. Fowler stated that he would keep the CAC updated on this issue as it further develops. An article that recently ran in the Virginian Pilot about this issue will be forwarded to the CAC.

Litter Issue

Due to time constraints, the issue of the litter problem in the city was tabled until the April meeting.

Other Issues

- Sharyn Fox requested that the new City Manager attend a CAC meeting
- Bulk waste Issues
- Litter Issues
- Line up TV crews for the Sweeping Pilot.
- Invite CAC members to the Public Works Day Cookout

Meeting adjourned

6:55 p.m.