

Public Works Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Tuesday May 20, 2008

Public Works Department Conference Room

CAC Representatives Present

Mr. Thomas Herbert, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Phil Bomersheim
Mr. Douglas Coenen
Ms. Sandra Davis
Ms. Sharron Kitchen Miller
Ms. Patricia VonOhlen
Mr. LaMonte Williams

CAC Representatives Absent

Dr. Harold Cones, Chairperson
Ms. Lois Custer

Public Works Representatives

Mr. H. Reed Fowler, Jr., Director of Public Works
Mr. Ed Crockett, Stormwater Division Administrator
Mr. Tim Shockley, Solid Waste Division Administrator
Ms. Amy Gray, Assistant Solid Waste Division Administrator
Mr. Roy Chesson, CAC Coordinator

Call to Order

Mr. Tom Herbert called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the April 15, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Opening Comments

Mr. Tom Herbert commended Ms. VonOhlen for her letter to the editor of the Daily Press that encouraged Newport News' residents to help control costs by placing all small items and small amounts of yard waste in the automated container rather than leaving it curbside for Bulk Waste collection. Mr. Fowler reported that the City Manager was pleased with the letter. It was also reported that a letter was published several days later from a Hampton resident favorably commenting on Ms. VonOhlen's effort to help reduce bulk waste costs.

CAC Membership

Mr. Chesson reported that Mr. James Monahan had been appointed to the CAC with his term beginning when the Committee reconvenes after summer break. Mr. Monahan lives in the North voting district and has automated collection on Thursday. We still need two additional members

to fill vacancies for members whose terms are expiring this summer and would like to have at least one of them come from the North district.

Mr. Chesson also pointed out that we needed student representation. While we have contacted the Mayor's Youth Council in the past, it was suggested that we might contact school advisors directly. It was also suggested that we might contact the Public Works Academy. (At this point, Mr. Fowler recommended that a presentation on the Public Works Academy should be placed on the agenda for June.)

Report on APWA VA/DC/MD Chapter Conference

Mr. Fowler reported that the 2008 Chapter Conference in Virginia Beach was a great success. About 260 people attended and it appeared that the event made a profit for the Chapter. The conference breakout sessions were weighted to storm water and environmental management systems. This was more a factor of who volunteered to make presentations rather than planned by the Chapter.

Miscellaneous

Public Works Appreciation Day is scheduled for June 6th and all CAC members have been invited to attend.

In the Fall, a presentation to the CAC is planned on the Departments Energy Management Program. Also in the Fall, Mr. Reed intends to have division administrators present the Public Works In-service Brief as a means of educating newer Committee members of the functions of the different Public Works divisions. It has been several years since this was last done. Another topic for future discussion is a presentation on Geothermal vs. Landfill Gas to Energy.

Adjournment

Mr. Herbert adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.