

**Mobile Bay National Estuary Program
Community Action Committee
Tuesday, May 12, 2020
Virtual Meeting - Platform: Google Meets
10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

MINUTES

Attendees:

Don Bates
Tina Miller-Way
Mimi Fearn
Ted Henken
Leslie Gahagan
Angie Eckman
Harold White
Ron Phelps
Eric Holladay
Tom Lyon
Debi Foster
Mike Shelton
Dennis Hatfield

Staff: Kelley Barfoot, Madison Blanchard

Takeaways:

- **The Dauphin Island Sea Lab's CAMEO citizen science program has postponed registration due to COVID-19. DISL is hoping to resume in early fall 2020.**
- **Committee members interested in receiving ETAP (Escaped Trash Assessment Protocol) training from Osprey Initiative can email Ms. Blanchard at Mblanchard@mobilebaynep.com to inquire.**
- **The next Community Action Committee Meeting, on August 11, 2020, is currently planned to be held in person but is subject to change to virtual.**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Madison Blanchard opened the meeting by introducing herself and began the screen share session. She reviewed the agenda and went over rules for virtual meetings. She asked for the last meeting minutes to be approved. Mr. Ted Henken motioned to accept the meeting minutes and Mr. Mike Shelton second.

2. Guest Speakers

Mr. Don Bates, Osprey Initiative, gave a presentation on *What are Litter Gitters and why we need them; how counting litter helps change behavior; how litter data increases understanding of human behavior; and successful projects*. He began by emphasizing that creating partnerships had greatly contributed to the success of Osprey Initiative and discussed its five sectors of business. CAC members interested in ETAP (Escaped Trash Assessment Protocol) training can email Ms. Blanchard at Mblanchard@mobilebaynep.com to inquire. For more information about Osprey Initiative and litter gitters, click [here](#).
[Click here to download his presentation.](#)

Dr. Tina Miller-Way, Dauphin Island Sea Lab (DISL) gave a presentation on *DISL's new CAMEO (Citizen's Archive for Mobile Bay Estuarine Organisms) Program*. The purpose of the program is to develop long term datasets to analyze the impacts of changing conditions. Citizens can become involved by attending training and participating in boat trips with DISL staff. For more information about the CAMEO Program, click [here](#).
[Click here to download her presentation.](#)

3. Announcements/Updates

Ms. Blanchard announced the next CAC meeting will be held on August 11, 2020 from 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. at Five Rivers Delta Center, Blakeley Hall Classroom. She stated as of right now the meeting is planned as an in-person meeting, but that is subject to change amid the COVID-19 pandemic. If the meeting changes to a virtual platform, she will inform all CAC members of the change well in advance.

She requested from CAC members to email her with how their organization has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic whether it is by the cancellation of events, inability to host fundraisers, loss of volunteers, etc. She is requesting this information from each management conference committee and it will be used for a social media campaign to highlight those organizations.

Ms. Blanchard gave an update on each watershed management planning process. The status of each are as follows:

- [Wolf Bay](#): wrapped up April 1st, currently being reviewed and finalized
- [Fly Creek](#): in development, currently finalizing scope of work
- [Western Shore](#): scheduled to be completed by October 2020
- [D'Olive](#): currently updating existing plan, scheduled for completion December 2020
- [Gulf Frontal](#): scheduled to wrap up March 2021

- [Mobile-Tensaw Delta Complex](#): early stages of development; scheduled to be completed August 2021

4. Adjourn

No further questions or comments were given and the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

The virtual meeting recording is available [here](#) if you would like to watch the guest speakers present their presentations.