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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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HEP CAC Minutes
February 17, 2004 Meeting
Hudson River Foundation
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A list of meeting attendees is attached.

Management Committee Update - Robert Nyman

R. Nyman distributed minutes from the November 18 MC meeting, the agenda for the upcoming MC meeting on February 19, and materials related to the annual HEP work plan and budget. He announced that FY '04 (Oct. '04 – Sept. '05) funding of HEP under CWA section 320 would most likely be \$510,000, the same amount as last year. He requested information from CAC members on funds that may have been leveraged with HEP monies.

R. Nyman, L. Bartovics and C. Yuhas will attend the annual National Estuary Program meeting in Washington DC from March 7-11. At last year's meeting, R. Nyman visited the offices of 12 senators and representatives to provide information about HEP. He will make a number of visits again this year.

The HEP Targets & Goals have been sent to the Policy Committee for adoption. The signing event has not yet been finalized.

A new online, interactive map of the HEP Priority Habitat Restoration and Acquisition Sites is now up and running. The map was developed by OASIS and is accessible from the HEP website - www.harborestuary.org.

HEP Mini-grants - Laura Bartovics

The 2004 HEP Mini-grant RFP was released on January 30. A total of \$50,000 is available for grants of up to \$5,000. The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 26 and all relevant information is available at www.harborestuary.org/minigrants.htm. The New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPC) will accept the proposals and administer funds this year. There are two changes this year that should make the application process easier for many groups: 1) non-profit status is not required to apply and 2) proposals will be accepted by e-mail. Awards will be announced in early May 2004.

National Estuaries Day Update - Laura Bartovics

\$25,000 in HEP funds is available to celebrate National Estuaries Day (NED) again this year. However, the funds have not been combined with the Mini-grant RFP as they were last year. Instead, a CAC sub-committee will make recommendations on how the funds will be used. Hosts of 2003 Estuaries Day events will be invited to join this subcommittee. Additional HEP

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funds were used last year to produce NED outreach materials, but these are not available this year.

L. Bartovics is preparing a summary of information from last year's events provided by the hosts. Each funded organization prepared a final report that included publicity efforts, attendance and suggestions for improvements in the 2004 harbor-wide celebration of National Estuaries Day. This summary will be available in a few weeks and will be sent to all CAC members. Some CAC members have suggested that it might be more effective to sponsor one or two large events rather than 15-20 smaller events. These ideas and others will be explored by the NED subcommittee. L. Bartovics would like to convene the first subcommittee sometime in April. M. Flanagan, C. Craft, B. Alpern, J. Eudell, and D. Whitley expressed interest in participating on the subcommittee.

Public Access Subcommittee Update - Carter Craft

The first subcommittee meeting was held on December 17, 2003. The group discussed the HEP Targets & Goals related to public access, including whether the goal of a 10% increase in access points by 2009 was ambitious enough. The subcommittee also addressed the questions "What is access?" and "What makes a good access point?" The group agreed that characteristics such as proximity to public transportation and activities available (boating, fishing, swimming, etc.) should be considered in evaluating access points.

CAC Co-chair Election

Each co-chair nominee (B. Alpern, C. Craft, and D. Mans) talked about what he or she believed were the most important issues facing the CAC and where the committee should focus its future efforts. L. Bartovics distributed a list of the CAC Steering Committee members eligible to vote for the co-chairs. Seventeen of the 24 seats are currently filled - of these, 4 members submitted absentee ballots and 7 were present to vote. A quorum was achieved with 11 of 17 voting members. D. Mans (NJ) and C. Craft (NY) were elected as the new CAC co-chairs.

CAC Budget Recommendations for FY04

The committee discussed what recommendations the CAC should make to the MC for HEP budget funding. The following recommendations were approved:

- 1) Mini-grants - \$75,000 (increased from FY03 funding of \$50,000)
- 2) Outreach Materials - \$40,000 (increased from FY03 funding of \$30,000)
- 3) Waterfront Access Point Database - \$28,750
- 4) National Estuaries Day celebration - \$25,000 (same as FY03)
- 5) K-12 Education - \$7,500

Next Quarterly Meeting

The next CAC meeting will be held from 10-1 on **Monday, May 10** at a location in New Jersey to be determined.

Meeting Attendees

1. **Bob Alpern**
2. **Dennis Bader** (Cornell Cooperative Extension)
3. **Steve Barnes** (Poricy Park)
4. **Laura Bartovics** (NY Sea Grant/HEP)
5. **Joseph Chesonis** (Urban Systems Concept Group, Inc.)
6. **Carter Craft** (Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance)
7. **Teresa Crimmens** (Bronx River Alliance)
8. **Jared Eudell** (Hackensack Riverkeeper)
9. **Maggie Flanagan** (South Street Seaport Museum)
10. **Eugenia Flatow** (Coalition for the Bight)
11. **Edgar Freud** (Coalition for a Livable Westside)
12. **Joy Garland** (Stuyvesant Park Cove Association, Inc.)
13. **Nina Haiman** (NYC Soil and Water Conservation District)
14. **Jim Lane** (Rocking the Boat)
15. **Mary Leou** (NYU Wallerstein Collaborative)
16. **Debbie Mans** (NY/NJ Baykeeper)
17. **Bill Marinaccio** (Freeport/Nassau Fisherman's Alliance)
18. **Anthony Marraccini** (Turn Around Friends)
19. **E. J. McAdams** (NYC Audubon)
20. **Adeline Michaels** (Concerned Citizens of Bensonhurst)
21. **Robert Nyman** (EPA/HEP)
22. **Manuel Russ** (CAC NYC DEP PP)
23. **Clay Sherman** (NJDEP), Ann Dillon Stanton (Women's City Club)
24. **Doreen Whitley** (NY Restoration Project)