

DEC – July 7, 2014

6:00 pm

The meeting of the Down East Council was called to order by James Morris.

Lillie Chadwick Miller read the June minutes which were approved.

Mark Hooper – presented rationale of educational outline
Need to provide education for local skills

DE Survey results

James explained Down East Community Survey makeup and how developed

- *Reviewed questions and provide input to planners that would make the survey specific to Down East
- *1060 responses –
- *Reviewed respondents of the survey - communities and age groups

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to reviewing the results, question by question, to provide input, validation, and potential next steps.

Qualify of Life Indicators

Housing and Infrastructure Improvements

- a. *Contact Nic Johnson to attend at least quarterly to provide DEC with updates on DOT. Provide DEC with information about what we can do to address improvement of roads*
- b. Reduced flood insurance rates.
 - a. *Contact NC Insurance*
 - b. *EDC*
- c. Control and management commercial growth
 - a. *We need economic growth DE*
 - b. *Mark Hooper – plan where specific businesses should/can locate*
 - c. *Consider county planning processes*
- d. Water/Sewer

Business Related Categories

Economic Improvements

- a. *Improved public access to commercial fishing:*
 - a. *Consider what DEC can do to show support for commercial fishing, fishing regulations*
- b. *Increased awareness and access to seafood retail:*
 - a. *Encourage more retail seafood (Carteret Local Foods Council and Carteret Food Council) – seafood processing and open-air markets, increase visibility by events, advertisements, etc.*

Email survey to council members

Review of Paddle Trail map and Heritage Trail

Next meeting, Courtney Pickett will present powerpoint of SWC

DE Sign committee report (Richard Lowdermilk)

Welcome signs at North River Bridge and at Cedar Island

First committee meeting 6/23/14 (minutes attached)

Meeting – get input and begin design phase of the sign

What we want others to know about DE

Asked committee for hand-drawn design

Next meeting August 18

Bridge – no representative this time – hope next time

Wild Caught - - August 23

August 4 - - - Cedar Island – Fire Departments