

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 1, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the Public Works Conference Room. Mr. Durk Tyson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. The following attended the meeting:

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

David Ames
Ann Maxwell
Jon Weaver

Nathaniel Hamilton
Durk Tyson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Daryl Norris, City of Greenville
Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville
Chad Carwein, ECU

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Maxwell to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Hamilton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 4, 2016 MINUTES

Ms. Maxwell asked that New Business Item E5 been updated to reflect the date of the Horizons Plan meeting of August 10, 2016 and also add her desire to have the Watershed Master Plans included in the Horizons Plan document. Dr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the August 4, 2016 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weaver and passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUCEMENTS

- Ms. Maxwell announced the Horizons Committee voted unanimously to include the Watershed Master Plan in the Horizons Planning documents. Ms. Maxwell also stated a public hearing on the Horizons Plan will be held at the City Council meeting in City Council Chambers on September 8, 2016.
- Dr. Hamilton announced that he had met with Dr. Michael Waldrum, CEO of Vidant Health Center, to discuss opportunities for recycling at Vidant Health Center.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. ECU Sustainability Update

Mr. Carwein, East Carolina University (ECU) Sustainability Manager, was present to give an update on ECU's Greenhouse Gas Inventory. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be available with the September 1, 2016 minutes. The presentation detailed the Methodology, Institutional Data, Emissions Sources, Greenhouse Gas Inventory, Greenhouse Gas Profile, and Results and Comparisons for ECU.

Mr. Tyson asked what the next steps were for moving forward from this point. Mr. Carwein stated the next step was to increase energy efficiency and prioritize projects to realize the largest energy savings opportunities possible. Mr. Carwein will also work with students, staff, and faculty to lead

efforts in reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions by reducing waste and increasing recycling efforts.

Ms. Maxwell expressed concerns with ECU Transit busses idling and questioned if there were potential prospects to reduce this practice. Mr. Carwein stated he would investigate the situation and pursue any actions available.

Mr. Weaver asked how emissions for ECU were determined. Mr. Carwein stated the system is set up on an e-grid system and the sources of electricity available in those grids. Mr. Weaver also asked if solar power had been considered for purchase and resell. Mr. Carwein stated as a public education system, there may be limitations as to what cogeneration systems could be utilized.

B. Planning & Zoning Commission Update

Mr. Weaver stated he would attempt to attend a Planning & Zoning Commission meeting and bring the information back to the EAC.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Clean Energy Symposium Update

Dr. Ames asked that this discussion be tabled to the October 4, 2016 meeting to allow the Clean Energy Symposium Committee to meet to further establish goals to present to the EAC.

9. OTHER– FYI

A. Recycling Report

B. Keep Greenville Beautiful Update

10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

The following items are proposed for the October 6, 2016 meeting:

A. Active Transportation Master Plan Committee Update

B. Watershed Master Plan Update

C. Town Creek Culvert Update

D. 2017-2018 EAC Grant Discussion

E. Clean Energy Symposium Update

F. Update on City of Greenville Recycling

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Dr. Hamilton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ames and passed unanimously.