

# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

October 6, 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  
Drake Brinkley  
Ann Maxwell  
Jon Weaver

Emilie Kane  
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 Mr. Brinkley to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Ames seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### 4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 MINUTES

Mr. Tyson noted in Item 3, the use of "Ms." in addition to "Dr." A motion was made by Dr. Hamilton to approve the minutes of September 1, 2016 as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ames and passed unanimously.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Maxwell referenced articles she has read regarding a Zero Waste by 2020 movement that is being developed in San Francisco, California as well as a city in Japan.

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Chad Carwein expressed concern as a citizen regarding Council Member Godley's attendance and involvement in EAC initiatives. Mr. Carwein also noted he felt the work of the EAC was an asset to the community.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. City of Greenville Recycling Update

Due to impending weather conditions, City staff was unavailable to provide an update. This item was tabled until further notice.

#### B. 2017-2018 EAC Grant Discussion

Mr. Norris gave a brief overview of the EAC grant program. The grant is currently designed to allow youth organizations to apply to receive monies to fund projects within the City limits that will minimize the effects of non-point source pollution.

Mr. Norris indicated there were no applicants during the previous year's endeavor and inquired if EAC would be interested in expanding the target audience to other organizations such as Homeowners' Associations and other environmental groups as well as searching for private

contributions for potential grant funding. This would allow a broader scope of applicants and projects. Mr. Brinkley questioned the availability of funds that were designated for the 2016-2017 grant cycle. Mr. Norris responded the monies were made available from the City's Stormwater Education fund and were dispersed for promotional education items.

Mr. Tyson stated he would like to broaden the target audience of the grant to include other organizations to increase the pool of applicants. Mr. Tyson also stated special consideration could be given to an applicant that included youth participation in the grant project. Mr. Norris stated the newsletter and grant application could be modified to remove the eligibility restriction of youth organizations.

Ms. Maxwell expressed concern in the availability of the marketing material and the ability to distribute the material to schools to allow time for development of projects. Mr. Norris noted that the funding would not be available until the City's FY17 date of July 1, 2017. This would allow time for the material to be distributed and applications to be reviewed to coincide with a school term beginning Fall 2017.

Dr. Kane asked that the Third Street Education Center be added to the list of organizations being sent information regarding the grant. Ms. Maxwell also suggested adding the Go Science Center, A Time for Science. Dr. Hamilton requested all schools within the City limits be added as well.

Dr. Hamilton made a motion to expand the target audience for the 2017-2018 EAC Grant process and to remove the specific requirement of the applicant being a youth organization. A second was made by Mr. Brinkley. The motion passed unanimously. Staff was directed to modify the grant application and newsletter and provide the information back to EAC at the November 3, 2016 meeting.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Clean Energy Symposium Update**

Dr. Ames directed attention to Attachment C of the agenda package. The Clean Energy Symposium Committee is seeking approval to send notification to City Council Members of the intent to conduct a Clean Energy Symposium. Attachment C of the agenda package is the Notes to Council memo that will be sent to Council Members.

Dr. Kane asked if speakers have been confirmed. Dr. Ames stated members of the North Carolina Sustainability office will be speaking and a round table panel is also being developed. Ms. Maxwell asked if she could begin promoting the symposium. Mr. Norris stated Council Members should be informed of the symposium before their constituents are informed.

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver to forward the Notes to Council memorandum to Council Members. A second was made by Ms. Maxwell and passed unanimously.

### **B. Active Transportation Master Plan Committee Update**

Mr. Weaver informed the EAC that a November meeting for the Active Transportation Master Plan Committee is being scheduled. Mr. Weaver stated citizens could go to [www.walkbikegreenvillenc.com](http://www.walkbikegreenvillenc.com) to complete a survey by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **9. OTHER- FYI**

### **A. Recycling Report**

### **B. Quarterly UST Report**

Dr. Kane asked about the UST report, specifically the Crosier property incident. Mr. Norris stated the monitoring wells and groundwater on this site registered free product. Mr. Norris further stated the threshold for mediation and/or mitigation is set up by the state and this particular site is

currently being monitored for further action. Ms. Maxwell questioned how incidents are discovered. Mr. Norris stated most incidents are found by purchase or redevelopment of property, complaints, or discharges.

**10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

The following items are proposed for the November 3, 2016 meeting:

- A. 2017 Goals & Objectives**
- B. Council Presentation Discussion**
- C. Public Transportation & Parking Commission Update (Maxwell)**
- D. Community Appearance Commission Update (Ames)**
- E. Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission Update (Kane)**
- F. Clean Energy Symposium Update**
- G. 2017-2018 EAC Grant Update**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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