

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

November 3, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. 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
Durk Tyson

Emilie Kane
Ann Maxwell

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

Dr. Ames requested New Business Item F be tabled to a future meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Kane to approve the agenda as amended. Dr. Ames seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 6, 2016 MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Ames to approve the minutes of October 6, 2016 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kane and passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Chad Carwein announced there will be a public event at the Jenkins Fine Art Center on Wednesday, November 16th at 7pm for viewing of a film entitled Cowsspiracy. Mr. Carwein invited the EAC members to attend. Mr. Tyson thanked Mr. Carwein for providing members with his sustainability newsletter emails.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Boards & Commissions Attendance Policy

Mr. Tyson stated the attendance policy was included within the agenda package and requested members to review the policy and sign and return the acknowledgement form to the secretary.

B. 2017 Goals & Objectives

Mr. Tyson directed attention to the 2016 Goals & Objectives provided in the agenda package. Mr. Tyson asked members to review the current work plan and make suggestions for 2017 Goals & Objectives. Mrs. Maxwell commented the Clean Energy Symposium may also develop more goals and objectives for 2017. Mrs. Maxwell also asked about the Plastic Bag Resolution and when it was presented to Council. Mr. Norris stated the Plastic Bag Resolution was sent via Notes to Council as information; however further discussion will follow in Old Business Item 8A.

Mrs. Maxwell asked if any further discussion had taken place between the City of Greenville and East Carolina University for merging the bus systems. Dr. Kane stated the Horizons Plan addressed coordinating the systems between ECU, City of Greenville, and Vidant Medical Center. Mr. Tyson suggested having the City's Transit Manager present an update on the Greenville

Transportation and Activity Center (GTAC) and its potential in coordinating bus routes in Greenville.

Mrs. Maxwell also asked if the EAC would receive an update on the Watershed Master Plan. Mr. Norris responded the update was planned for the January 5, 2016 meeting. Dr. Kane asked if the plan had to be revised due to the flood. Mr. Norris responded the plan did not have to be revised; however, it did provide valuable information during the course of recovery. Mrs. Maxwell asked if it would be beneficial for EAC to review the Watershed Master Plan and provide educational opportunities to the public on the targets of the Plan as well as ways to incorporate ideas to increase awareness.

Mr. Tyson suggested rolling the 2016 Goals & Objectives to 2017. In addition, Mr. Tyson suggested the Clean Energy Symposium to be held in December could potentially develop more goals for the EAC. Mr. Norris proposed members review the current goals & objectives and develop measurable action items to be accomplished in 2017.

C. Council Presentation Discussion

Mr. Tyson asked members to review the presentation as presented and provide comments and feedback by the January 5, 2017 meeting.

D. 2017-2018 EAC Grant Update

Mr. Tyson stated that a packet had been provided to each member that included a revised Newsletter that removed the requirement for youth organization, Call for Proposal, and Application package as well as a list of organizations for contact purposes. Mr. Tyson requested members make contact with the organizations listed as well as any other contacts that members may have that were not given and promote the grant.

E. Public Transportation & Parking Commission Update

Mrs. Maxwell reported the Public Transportation & Parking Commission reviewed the downtown Parking Deck including parking enforcements. Mrs. Maxwell also reported the Commission discussed advertising on City busses and the GTAC is on schedule to be complete in November 2017.

F. Community Appearance Commission Update

This item was tabled for future discussion.

G. Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission Update

Dr. Kane provided a written report of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission update. The report will be available with the November 3, 2016 meeting minutes. The Commission mentioned several surveys and opportunities for public comments which include the Citizen Survey 2016; Active Transportation Plan; and Evans Street Widening project. A public meeting is being held for comments today from 4pm-7pm at the Shrine Club for the Evans Street Widening project. Other items of interest that were discussed were roundabouts; road widening projects; and a north-south corridor for bikes extending from Winterville to uptown Greenville.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Plastic Bag Resolution Discussion

Mr. Tyson stated the Plastic Bag Resolution has been presented to City Council members by Notes to Council. Council Member Smiley has requested the resolution to be added to the November 10, 2016 Council Agenda. Mr. Norris stated City staff would provide the history of the resolution upon Council request. Mr. Norris recommended EAC members attend the meeting to speak during public comments. Dr. Ames expressed concern in the EAC's role in the presentation. Mrs. Maxwell asked if the letters of support from the various City boards and commissions and other organizations were provided to Council as well as the resolution. Mr. Norris stated the

letters of support were provided with the Notes to Council; however, he did not believe the letters of support were included with the agenda item. Mr. Norris will make the letters of support available during comments or presentations given by City staff.

B. Clean Energy Symposium Update

Dr. Ames stated the subcommittee will be meeting on Thursday November 10th at 8:30am at the Public Works Conference Room. The speakers will be determined at that time and the symposium lineup finalized. The Symposium will be held on December 1, 2016 during the EAC's scheduled meeting.

9. OTHER– FYI

A. Recycling Report

10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

The following items are proposed for the December 1, 2016 meeting:

A. Clean Energy Symposium

11. ADJOURNMENT

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