

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

January 5, 2017

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
Lamont Jackson, City of Greenville
Chad Carwein, ECU

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Tyson requested New Business Item C be added to discuss the Active Transportation Committee. Dr. Ames also requested an update for the Clean Energy Symposium and Plastic Resolution be added for discussion in Old Business. A motion was made by Ms. Maxwell to approve the agenda as amended. Dr. Kane seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 3, 2016 MINUTES

Dr. Ames requested clarification in Old Business Item A. Ms. Braddy will correct the minutes to reflect Dr. Ames concern in the EAC's role of the presentation to Council for the Plastics Resolution. A motion was made by Dr. Ames to approve the minutes of November 3, 2016 as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maxwell and passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Maxwell stated she felt the Clean Energy Symposium held in December was a huge success and thanked Dr. Ames and Mr. Carwein for their efforts in arranging the symposium.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments from the public.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elections

Dr. Kane made a motion to nominate Mr. Tyson as the Chair for the upcoming year. Mr. Tyson accepted the nomination and nominated Dr. Kane as Vice-Chair. A motion was made by Dr. Ames to receive the nominations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brinkley and passed unanimously.

B. Greenville Transportation Activity Center Update

Mr. Lamont Jackson, Transit Director with the City of Greenville, was present to give an update on the Greenville Transportation Activity Center (GTAC). Mr. Jackson stated the project has moved to the construction phase and is scheduled for completion in December 2017. Mr. Jackson also stated the GTAC will replace the transfer station at Reade Circle and will accommodate Transit vehicles as well as ECU Transit, Greyhound, PATS, Amtrak and taxi services.

C. Active Transportation Master Plan Committee Representative Request

Mr. Tyson stated that with the departure of Mr. Weaver from EAC, a new representative will need to be elected to represent EAC on the Active Transportation Master Plan Committee. Mr. Tyson asked if anyone would volunteer to serve on this committee. Ms. Maxwell volunteered and will attend the next meeting scheduled for February 28, 2016 from 10am – 12noon in City Hall Conference Room 337.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Council Presentation

Mr. Tyson requested members review the presentation as presented in the agenda package and provide comments or revisions by 12 noon on Friday, January 6, 2017. Mr. Tyson will be giving the presentation to Council on January 9, 2017 and invited members to attend.

B. Goals & Objectives

Mr. Tyson stated the 2017 Goals & Objectives for the EAC need to be established and directed attention to the 2016 Goals & Objectives for review. Ms. Maxwell stated that most of the goals currently in place are active goals and should continue.

Upon reviewing the current goals, it was determined that the current goals & objectives would remain in place for the 2017 year with the following adjustments:

- Goal 1. Add Recycling as an action item
- Goal 2. Discuss assignments in New Business Item D
Update Action Item B to read “Meet with individual Council Members to discuss importance of environmental issues relevant to Greenville.”
- Goal 3. Remove action item for Plastic Bag Resolution.
Add action item to discuss recycling in medical/commercial areas of Greenville.
- Goal 4. Add action item to update on Stormwater Committee activities.
- Goal 6. Add action item to explore feasibility of Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Greenville.

C. Draft Calendar

Mr. Tyson directed attention to the draft calendar for EAC in the agenda package and asked members to make suggestions for topics of discussion they would like to address throughout the upcoming year. Mr. Tyson requested a field trip to ECVC be taken in September if possible. Staff will work to coordinate this and report back to members. The commission assignment reports will also be added to the calendar once assignments have been established.

D. Commission Assignments

Mr. Tyson reviewed the list of commission assignments by EAC members. Mr. Tyson noted the Recreation and Parks Commission and Planning & Zoning Commission needed an EAC representative. Ms. Maxwell asked if another member would be available to take the Public Transportation & Parking Commission assignment.

Upon further review, Mr. Brinkley made a motion to make the following assignments for Commission reports upon acceptance of Dr. Hamilton’s assignment to Recreation & Parks Commission:

- Redevelopment Commission - Durk Tyson
- Greenville Utilities Commission - Durk Tyson
- Greenville Bike & Pedestrian Commission - Emilie Kane

Recreation & Parks Commission - Nathaniel Hamilton
Community Appearance Commission - David Ames
Neighborhood Advisory Board - Ann Maxwell
Public Transportation & Parking Commission - Emilie Kane
Planning & Zoning Commission - Drake Brinkley

The motion was seconded by Ms. Maxwell and passed unanimously.

E. Clean Energy Symposium Update

This item was not discussed and will be added to the February 2, 2017 meeting agenda.

F. Plastic Resolution

Mr. Norris reported that Council requested a City staff person be assigned to research and investigate the components of the Plastic Resolution. Mr. Norris will report at the March 2, 2017 EAC meeting with an update on the staff assigned and progress made in developing an action plan.

9. OTHER– FYI

A. Recycling Report

No report given

10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

The following items are proposed for the February 2, 2017 meeting:

A. Council Presentation Update

B. Watershed Master Plan Update

C. Town Creek Culvert Update

D. Stormwater Annual Report

11. ADJOURNMENT

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