

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 6, 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
Nathaniel Hamilton	Emilie Kane
Ann Maxwell	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 table New Business Item C to the May 4, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ames and passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2, 2017 MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Kane to approve the minutes of March 2, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brinkley and passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mrs. Maxwell noted an article regarding air pollution and correlation of diabetes with the emission of fast food restaurants. Mrs. Maxwell expressed concern with the results of this study and the effects of these emissions from restaurants within the City of Greenville and asked if this topic would be something that EAC would consider pursuing as an initiative. Mr. Tyson asked Mrs. Maxwell to forward the article information to members for their input.
- Mr. Tyson announced there was a current vacancy on the EAC Commission for the position of a Building Contractor, Land Developer, Or Someone Familiar with Construction Techniques. Mr. Tyson stated anyone interested in applying for this position should reach out to the City Clerk's office or apply online at www.greenvillenc.gov

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2017 -2018 EAC Grant Application Review

Mr. Tyson announced two applications were received for the 2017-2018 EAC Grant for consideration. Mr. Tyson stated the grant could be fully awarded to one recipient or divided among the applicants. Mr. Tyson requested staff to contact each applicant to ascertain if their project would be nullified if the grant was not a full award.

Dr. Kane asked if the discussion of the grant application details and subsequent award could be handled in a closed session. Mr. Norris stated he was uncertain of protocol; however, he felt the discussion would need to be open session. With this in mind, Dr. Kane asked if the applications

could be reviewed tonight to allow EAC members the opportunity to acknowledge merits of the requests as well as concerns for each project.

Mrs. Maxwell commented she was impressed with the application from Go-Science and would like to see that project awarded. Dr. Kane expressed concern with the budget of this project. Dr. Kane stated she felt there was not enough information regarding the use of the monies for the project design. However, Dr. Kane also noted that the Love A Sea Turtle application budget included administrative expenses and felt this should not be included in the application.

After further discussion, the EAC members asked staff to contact the grant applicants to request a revised budget and to have Go-Science explain the educational message involved in their project.

B. Community Appearance Commission Update

Dr. Ames stated he reviewed the minutes of the Community Appearance Commission from December 2016. Dr. Ames stated he did not feel there were any issues addressed by the Community Appearance Commission that would directly relate to the EAC's mission.

C. Planning & Zoning Commission Update

This item was tabled to the May 4, 2017 meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. ECU Sustainability Update

Mr. Carwein updated EAC with the following items:

- Mr. Carwein presented members with a flyer detailing ECU's Earth Day 2017 week events.
- Mr. Carwein announced ECU has received the STARS Award Bronze rating.

B. Stormwater Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Brinkley stated the last meeting for the Stormwater Advisory Committee focus primarily on educating the panel on how the Stormwater utilities were instituted as well as more information on the watersheds for the City of Greenville. Mr. Norris added that a consultant has been selected to facilitate future meetings.

C. Clean Energy Initiative Follow Up

Mr. Tyson stated he had reached out to members of the Greenville Climate Protection Partnership requesting information on their initiatives and accomplishments. Mr. Tyson requested this item be added to next month's agenda for further discussion.

9. OTHER- FYI

A. Quarterly UST Report

10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

The following items are proposed for the May 4, 2017 meeting:

- A. 2017-2018 EAC Grant – Approve Award Recipient**
- B. Symposium Discussion – Develop Symposium strategies**
- C. Clean Energy Initiative Follow Up**
- D. Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission Update (Kane)**
- E. Public Transportation & Parking Commission Update (Kane)**
- F. Planning & Zoning Commission Update (Brinkley)**

11. ADJOURNMENT

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