

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

May 4, 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

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

Mrs. Maxwell requested to add an agenda item for Stormwater questions. This item will be added to as Item A – Other - FYI. Dr. Kane requested to table the Public Transportation & Parking Commission Update to a future meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Maxwell to amend the agenda as requested. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ames and passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF APRIL 6, 2017 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxwell to approve the minutes of April 6, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kane and passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2017-2018 EAC Grant – Award Applicant

Mr. Norris informed the Commission that he had reached out to the two applicants of the EAC grant to request a revised budget and more detailed information regarding expenditures as discussed by the EAC at their April 6, 2017 meeting. Mr. Norris informed the EAC that Go-Science withdrew their application request and will not be applying for the grant at this time. Mr. Norris also stated that Love A Sea Turtle does not have any staff and the administrative costs requested in their application would not be applied to salaries.

Mrs. Maxwell made a motion to award the 2017-2018 EAC Grant to Love A Sea Turtle. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kane and passed unanimously.

B. Planning & Zoning Commission Update

This item will be tabled to a later meeting as the Mr. Brinkley was not present to give an update.

C. Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission Update

Dr. Kane presented Commission members with a handout that reported on the details of the items from the April 5, 2017 and May3, 2017 meetings of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission

meeting. Some of the items discussed included:

- The Commission will partner with Love A Sea Turtle in “Paint the Drain” on Earth Day.
- Wheelchair ramp improvements are being made in Uptown Greenville, West Greenville, and the University districts as well as pedestrian improvements for 15 intersections in Greenville.
- Milling, paving, and restriping of Arlington Blvd will begin 4/10/17 and conclude within 60 days.
- The Commission voted to write a statement of support for bicycle lanes to be included on new street resurfacing projects.
- Chad Carwein was designated as the liaison to the EAC and FROGGS.
- Discussion regarding adding a member from the County to the Commission was held as well as discussion regarding Bike Week, and the Resolution adopted by City Council regarding bike lanes and sidewalks on Evans Street/Old Tar Road widening project.

D. Public Transportation & Parking Commission Update

This item will be tabled to a later meeting date to be determined.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. ECU Sustainability Update

Mr. Carwein updated EAC with the following items:

- Mr. Carwein gave further details regarding some of the activities of Bike Week. There will be a Bike to School day on May 10th, Ride of Silence on May 17th, and a GAPS fundraiser being held at the DAP house on May 26th.
- Mr. Carwein announced that ECU has partnered with Love A Sea Turtle on many projects and will continue to work with them in the future.
- Mr. Carwein announced that ECU has received designation as a Tree Campus USA facility.

B. Clean Energy Initiative Follow Up

Mr. Tyson stated he is continuing to research information for this initiative and will report back to the Commission as he receives information.

9. OTHER– FYI

A. Stormwater Questions

Mrs. Maxwell asked if the Stormwater Advisory Committee (SWAC) will be making recommendations regarding continued building in areas that are greatly affected by flooding. Mr. Norris responded the SWAC is being tasked with determining extent and level of service in the watersheds as well as impacts to citizens and cost to the City to implement those recommendations. Dr. Kane asked if the City of Greenville was out of compliance with Stormwater with the State. Mr. Norris stated the Erosion Control section had been given warning due to staffing vacancies; however, Stormwater has not been out of compliance. Dr. Kane also stated she would like to have a public notice of the meetings of the SWAC. Mr. Norris responded a consultant is being retained to facilitate the meeting dates and will be made public when they are scheduled. Mr. Norris also stated the meetings were open to the public. Dr. Kane asked how the members of the SWAC were selected. Mr. Norris stated the members were selected by City Council.

Mrs. Maxwell expressed concerns regarding Greens Mill Run and building in that watershed. Mrs. Maxwell also referenced a new building development on Charles Street and asked if there was

coordination between the Planning Department and Public Works for Stormwater requirements. Mr. Norris stated developments in the City submit Stormwater plans for review and specific requirements must be met before development can take place.

10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

The following items are proposed for the June 1, 2017 meeting:

A. 2017-2018 EAC Grant – Award Recipient

11. ADJOURNMENT

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