

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 5, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Emilie Kane, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. The following attended the meeting:

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

David Ames	Drake Brinkley
Emilie Kane	Diego LLerena
Ann Maxwell	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Daryl Norris, City of Greenville
Craig Becker, ECU

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mrs. Maxwell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ames and passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 1, 2018 MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Ames to approve the minutes of March 1, 2018 as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maxwell and passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Ames announced that the Sierra Club meeting being held on Monday April 9, 2018, 7:00pm at the Unitarian Church on Oakmont Drive will feature a guest speaker presenting information on climate.

Dr. Kane stated there was an article in the newspaper regarding plastics. Dr. Kane provided copies of the article and will discuss further at the May 3, 2018 meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2018-2019 EAC Grant

Mr. Norris announced no applications were received for the 2018-2019 EAC Grant were received. Mrs. Maxwell stated the Love A Sea Turtle (LAST) Foundation informed her they had not applied for the upcoming grant as they were recipients for the past two years and wasn't confident in the assumption they could apply for a third. Mrs. Maxwell asked if the deadline could be extended to accommodate an application for LAST. Mr. Norris stated he would research this possibility; however, further commented that the deadline would need to be extended a full month to hold a formal meeting for voting and was not sure if the budget deadline would allow ample time to process the grant application if awarded.

Dr. Kane asked if a workshop could be held for potential applicants to provide ideas and examples for future grant projects. Mr. Brinkley added he felt it would be beneficial to contact previous recipients and let them know they could reapply as well. Mr. Norris stated he felt this was a great idea and this would be tabled to a future meeting closer to the new grant cycle.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Sustainability Report Discussion

Mr. Carwein stated Ms. Pandya had meetings with Council Members and also contacted other cities in North Carolina regarding their sustainability efforts. However, in investigating past information obtained from the City of Greenville, Ms. Pandya felt the options offered in the past were still currently relevant and the efforts needed to be enacted by the City.

Dr. Kane asked if Ms. Pandya would be providing her information to EAC. Mr. Carwein stated he was not certain as the efforts were continuously being duplicated with no commitment by the City. Dr. Kane asked if the information Ms. Pandya could be presented to EAC. Mr. Carwein stated the information was given to the Sierra Club and asked Dr. Ames could provide the information to EAC. Dr. Ames will speak with Dr. Becker, Ms. Pandya's advisor and work in obtaining the information.

9. Commission Reports

A. ECU Sustainability Report

Mr. Carwein reported the Sustainability Master Plan for ECU is on schedule and a meeting will be held on April 4, 2018 with stakeholders with adoption by ECU by Fall 2018. Mr. Carwein also reported Earth Day will be recognized by ECU during the week of April 22, 2018 with activities being held across campus.

B. Community Appearance Commission Update

Dr. Ames reported the Community Appearance Commission met in October and December and awarded a Community Appearance Award to the antiques store on Dickinson Avenue and to Elmhurst School. Dr. Ames stated he did not feel there were any efforts EAC could collaborate with the Commission on at this time.

C. SWAC Update

Mr. Brinkley reported SWAC went through the billing efforts of various property types within the City and proposed rate increases based on the needs of the Stormwater Program.

10. OTHER– FYI

A. Volkswagen Mitigation Draft Plan (See attachment)

11. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

The following items are proposed for the May 3, 2018 meeting:

A. Bike & Pedestrian Commission Update (E. Kane)

B. Volkswagen Settlement Mitigation Update (D. Tyson)

C. SWAC Update (D. Brinkley)

D. Cool Cities Initiative Update

E. Plastic Bag Resolution Update

11. ADJOURNMENT

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