

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

January 3, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. 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
Emilie Kane	Diego LLerena
Ann Maxwell	Durk Tyson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Daryl Norris, City of Greenville
Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville
Brian Meyerhoeffer, Council Member
Chad Carwein, ECU

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 1, 2018 MINUTES AND DECEMBER 6, 2018 MINUTES

Mr. Tyson asked for a motion to approve the November 1, 2018 EAC minutes. Mrs. Maxwell observed the Cupola building spelling in Announcements and requested it be corrected. Mr. Brinkley made a motion to approve the November 1, 2018 meeting minutes with the correction. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maxwell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Tyson asked for a motion to approve the December 6, 2018 EAC minutes. Dr. Ames noted that Item 7A had some verbiage missing and asked that the governor had issued an executive order to address climate change and transition to a clean energy economy. A motion was made by Mr. Brinkley to approve the December 6, 2018 as amended with a second by Mrs. Maxwell. The motion passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Kane reminded members of the draft resolution regarding proposed rollbacks to the Clean Water Act that she had sent for review. A discussion followed. Daryl stated that City staff had reviewed the implications of the changes, and that although it did not appear the City would be impacted by the changes, clarification is needed to determine the potential future impacts to the City. Final rule publication has not yet taken place in the Federal Register due to the government shutdown.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Carwein was present for Public Comments as he did not have a Sustainability Report for ECU. Mr. Carwein stated the Sierra Club would be doing a road side clean up on Corey Road on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 10am beginning at Covenant Church. The monthly Sierra Club program will be January 14, 2019 Unitarian Universalist Congregation at 7pm. Lisa Kirby will be the speaker discussing the Town Creek Culvert Project. Mr. Carwein also announced that FROGGS will be holding their friend-raiser at Pitt Street Brewery on January 26, 2019 from 4-6:30pm. Mr. Carwein stated the dates

for the film series dates have been set and will be reported at the February meeting of EAC.

Mr. Carwein stated the Sustainability Plan for ECU has been printed and are also available online if any member is interested.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elections

Mr. Tyson asked for nominations for Chairperson. Mr. Brinkley nominated Mr. LLerena for Chairperson. Mrs. Maxwell seconded the nomination. Mr. LLerena accepted the nomination. The nomination was voted on and passed unanimously.

Mr. Tyson asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Mrs. Maxwell nominated Dr. Kane for Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Brinkley seconded the nomination. Dr. Kane accepted the nomination. The nomination was voted on and passed unanimously.

B. Draft Calendar

Mr. Tyson directed attention to the draft calendar in the agenda package. Mr. Tyson asked members to review the calendar and provide input to staff if there are additional items of interest to be added. Dr. Kane asked that discussion of the Sustainability Officer be added to the calendar. Mr. Norris will make contact with the City Manager's office to determine a date that Ms. Wall may be able to attend to continue discussion. Mrs. Maxwell stated she would also like to have someone to speak to EAC regarding Air Quality. Dr. Ames will pursue a speaker to address EAC regarding air quality and impacts on health. Dr. Kane and Mrs. Maxwell will work together to identify a speaker and topic and will provide information to Staff to add to the EAC calendar.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Council Presentation Discussion

Mr. Norris stated the EAC presentation to Council was edited by Mr. Mulligan and delivered to the Public Information Office for inclusion in the Council agenda package. The presentation will be given on January 7, 2019.

9. Commission Reports

A. ECU Sustainability Report

See public comments section above.

10. OTHER- FYI

A. Quarterly UST Report

11. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

The following items are proposed for the February 7, 2019 meeting:

A. Council Presentation – Recap

B. Sierra Club Sustainability Energy Resolution

C. SWAC Final Report and Update

D. Finalize Calendar

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Brinkley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maxell and passed unanimously.