

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
June 3, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Robert Shaw, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. The following attended the meeting:

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Robert Shaw
Ann Maxwell
David Ames
Jeff McKinnon
Dallas Clark
Thomas Trevathan

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rachel Manning, City of Greenville
Shane Smith

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Maxwell to approve the agenda with addition of a discussion of the town common. Dr. Ames added to the motion a discussion of a news report of natural gas purchase. The motion was seconded by Dr. McKinnon and passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MAY 6, 2021 MINUTES

Dr. Ames made a motion to approve the May 6, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maxwell and passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUCEMENTS

Mr. Norris introduced Mr. Trevathan as the newest member of the Environmental Advisory Commission. Amanda Braddy announced her retirement and the new secretary Rachel Manning.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

7. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. ECU Sustainability Report
none

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Horizons Plan Discussion

Ms. Maxwell and Dr. McKinnon led a discussion of the Horizons Plan and a document of questions for City Council regarding implementation of the environmental aspects of the plan. Dr. McKinnon and Ms. Maxwell will edit the questions and prepare a document and quote and cite relevant sections of the horizons plan to submit to Mr. Norris to pass along to the City Manager and Councilman Meyerhoffer.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of GUC Natural Gas Purchase

Dr. Ames led a discussion about the GUC natural gas purchase contract. He expressed concerns

with a long term contract that doesn't include renewable energy. Dr. Ames will develop a statement or question for council concerning the natural gas purchase.

B. Town Common Rezoning Discussion

Ms. Maxwell led a discussion about the Town Common rezoning and her various concerns with development of the property. Mr. Clark expressed that the EAC should limit its discussion and concerns to strictly environmental perspective. Mr. Norris offered clarification that at this time there are no submitted development plans or specifics of use or development and that the request to council is for rezoning of one of the Town Common lots to allow for commercial uses within the park in alignment with the Town Common master plan. The committee expressed concerns about loss of green space within the Town Common. Dr. Shaw and Ms. Maxwell will develop a position statement to be submitted to Mr. Norris to pass along to the City Manager and Council. Dr. Shaw recognized Mr. Shane Smith from the audience to speak about the human impact of additional uses within the Town Common.

10. OTHER– FYI

None.

11. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

A. none

13. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Ames made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McKinnon and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned.