

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 6, 2022**

**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  
David Ames  
Jeff McKinnon  
Ann Maxwell

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Daryl Norris, City of Greenville  
Rachel Manning, City of Greenville  
Michael Cowin, City of Greenville

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Dr. McKinnon to approve the agenda with the addition of election of officers. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maxwell and passed unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2, 2021 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dr. Ames to approve the December 2, 2021 minutes, pending Mrs. Maxwell's correction to the spelling of Sylvia Bjorkman's name. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maxwell and passed unanimously.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. American Rescue Plan Funding**

Michael Cowin, Deputy City Manager, presented a slide presentation on the American Rescue Plan Funding. The presentation covered federal laws, funding to the state and the government, Covid-19 expenses, pay for essential workers, infrastructure investments, economic impacts, etc. He then presented a Proposed Appropriation Plan and a Public Input Survey. He spoke briefly on its intent, then opened the floor for questions and discussion.

Dr. McKinnon brought up protected bike lanes and the potential of having one on Greene Street between River Park North and Town Commons. Mr. Cowin was in favor of it as it would support outdoor activity among Greenville residents. Dr. McKinnon suggested the commission send a letter to City Council endorsing protected bikes lanes and any other project the commission is in favor of. Mr. Cowin acknowledged that a letter was the appropriate way to communicate the commission's recommendations to Council. A motion was then made by Dr. McKinnon to draft a letter expressing support of bike lanes, EV stations, and stormwater management. Once the draft is presented to the commission for review, he recommended that Dr. Shaw finalize it and

present it to Council. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ames and passed unanimously.

**b. Green Energy Plan & Horizons Plan**

Dr. Ames highlighted issues under the umbrella of the Horizons Plan. He suggested the commission recommend to city officials the importance of reviews and updates to the Horizons Plan., specifically development of a Green Energy Plan. Upon completed updates, he suggested it be presented to Council for adoption. A motion was made by Dr. McKinnon to have Dr. Ames draft the letter of recommendation for the commissions review. Once the draft is presented to the commission for review, he recommended that Dr. Shaw finalize it and present it to Council. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maxwell and passed unanimously.

**c. Update on Duke School of Environment proposal**

Dr. Shaw gave an update on the Duke School of Environment proposal. He stated two Duke students came to Greenville and answered questions in regards to the Environmental Proposal. They also met with Department Heads and presented lists of what was needed, in order to complete the greenhouse gas inventory. They expect to have the information within the next few weeks, so they can prepare their report that is to be presented to the city in April. The report will include data from city vehicles that produce greenhouse gas, as well as recommendations on how to reduce greenhouse gas admissions.

**d. Environmental Webpage**

Dr. McKinnon tabled the Environmental Webpage update until the next meeting.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Green Growth Toolbox**

Dr. Shaw presented information about the Green Growth Toolbox. He explained it is a guide to provide North Carolina's counties, cities and towns with tools to conserve wildlife and natural resources. He would like for the commission to recommend to the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations from the Green Growth Toolbox to aid in planning future growth within the City of Greenville. Mrs. Maxwell suggested that it be recommended to the Community Development Department as well. A motion was made by Dr. Shaw to send a letter of recommendation for the Green Growth Toolbox to City Council, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Community Development Department. The motion was seconded by Dr. McKinnon and passed unanimously.

**b. EAC Council Presentation**

Dr. Shaw tables the EAC Council Presentation until the February meeting.

**c. Election of Officers**

A nomination was made by Mrs. Maxwell for Dr. Shaw to continue being Chairman. Dr. McKinnon nominated Mrs. Maxwell to continue being Vice-Chairman. A motion was made by Dr. McKinnon to accept both nominations. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maxwell and passed unanimously.

**9. OTHER- FYI**

None.

**10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2021**

- a.** EAC Sustainability Subcommittee Update
- b.** EAC Council Presentation
- c.** Environmental Webpage
  
- e.** GUC Representative

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dr. McKinnon to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maxwell and the meeting adjourned.