

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the Public Works Department conference room. Ann Maxwell, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. The following attended the meeting:

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Ann Maxwell
David Ames
Jeff McKinnon
Dallas Clark

OTHERS PRESENT:

Daryl Norris, City of Greenville
Rachel Manning, City of Greenville
Wanda Martin, City of Greenville

GUEST:

Kyle Brown, Greenville Utilities
Jacob Barnes, Greenville Utilities
Ashley Gaskins, City of Greenville

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. McKinnon to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ames and passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 3, 2022 MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. McKinnon to approve the February 3, 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ames and passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rachel Manning introduced Wanda Martin, the new Staff Support Specialist I from the Engineering Department, as the new secretary going forward.

Ann Maxwell announced the Wildlife Commission will be doing a presentation on the Green Growth Tool Box to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Daryl Norris announced, as part of the public outreach, the City Of Greenville will be having a Stormwater booth at PirateFest on Saturday April 9 2022.

Dr. McKinnon spoke of an article in The New York Times. (“This Map Shows Where Biodiversity Is Most at Risk in America”, March 3, 2022) This map shows how the coast of North Carolina ranks in Biodiversity.

Ann Maxwell announced the Green Roof Farm will be having an Earth Day celebration Sunday, April 24, 2022.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Duke School of Environment project

Daryl stated the students spoke with Engineering, Parks & Recreation, Public Works and HR. The staff answered questions on the list for the Greenhouse Case Information Tool. They also spoke with GUC on electric bills and gas use. He stated he hasn't received a draft of their report yet. Hopefully, he will receive one before the next meeting.

B. EAC Sustainability Subcommittee Update

Dr. Ames stated there was nothing to report. The EAC Sustainability Subcommittee has not met.

C. EAC Council Presentation

Daryl stated the schedule of when The Board of Commissions will be presenting to the council has not yet been decided. They haven't established a calendar for this year.

D. GUC Representatives

GUC representatives Jacob Barnes and Kyle Brown gave a presentation on Solar Interconnections with Greenville Utilities Commission. Jacob gave the presentation and spoke about how GUC supplies utilities to seventy-five percent of Pitt County, which covers thirty-two cities. The energy supplied by GUC is purchased from Duke Energy. He mentioned the cost of power to customers verses the cost of solar and solar meters to customers. GUC has two solar farms in Pitt County, one on Fleming School Road and one on Rams Horn Road. Other topics discussed were gas verses wood and the changing of the GUC lighting in the City of Greenville to Led lights.

E. Public Information Resources for Boards & Commissions

Ashley Gaskins from the City of Greenville Public Information Office gave a presentation on posting information on the city website and social media. Ashley stated the City of Greenville has three social media accounts Facebook, Nextdoor and Instagram. Ashley did ask to give them a two week notice on posting anything to a public account.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. OTHER- FYI

None.

10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

A. Update on Duke School of Environment project

B. EAC Council Presentation

C. Horizons Presentation

D. Corner Dev/planning

E. Green Energy Plan

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Ames to adjourn the meeting. Ann Maxwell adjourned the meeting.