

# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 7, 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. Dr. Shaw, Chair, 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  
Thomas Trevathan  
Jeff McKinnon

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

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

#### GUEST:

Chad Carwein

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

A motion was made by Dr. Shaw to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Thomas Trevathan and passed unanimously.

### 4. APPROVAL OF March 3, 2022 MINUTES

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

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daryl Norris announced that Dr. Ames has officially completed the entirety of his two terms on the EAC as of tonight and presented Dr. Ames with a certificate of accommodations from Mayor Connelly thanking Dr. Ames for his service on the EAC. Mr. Norris thanked Dr. Ames for always being there, and being involved. And leading up several subcommittees as well as service and efforts on this commission. Mr. Norris stated the city of Greenville greatly appreciated it.

Mr. Norris noted that the commission members get two terms, at three years each. Which totals up to six years and depending on when you start with the EAC, like if you are assuming the unexpired term of someone else your term could technically be up to eight years eleven months on the EAC.

Mrs. Maxwell commented by saying that Dr. Ames has been the glue, the person that has kept us together. That he has kept more of the historical record of where we have been and where we need to go. Mrs. Maxwell also stated how sad she was that Dr. Ames will no longer be on the commission. Mrs. Maxwell asked if Dr. Ames could be on anything. Mr. Norris replied by saying he could attend or serve on a subcommittee. Mr. Norris also mentioned he wasn't sure if there was a waiting period before coming back to serve on the EAC commission.

Mr. Norris also mentioned that Ann Maxwell will have completed her two year term next year in 2023.

Dr. Shaw spoke about how helpful and resourceful Dr. Ames has been to him since he has been on the commission. And he is looking forward to picking his brain further in the future. And how he knows they will still stay connected through the Sierra Club.

Ann Maxwell announced that Caroline Shaw (Robert Shaw's daughter), won a Grammy Award at the 64<sup>th</sup> Grammy Awards Premiere Ceremony on April 3, 2021 for Best Contemporary Classical Composition. That is now her third Grammy award that she has received.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chad Carwein announced two events coming up, ECU- Earth Week-April 18-23, and Sierra Club-Earth Day Celebration-April 24-The Green Roof Farm in Fountain, N.C. Chad Carwein stated that the Duke graduate students did a great job on their Greenhouse Gases Emissions Inventory report. This report laid the roadmap out for the future Greenhouse Gases Emissions Inventory to be conducted in the city of Greenville.

Chad Carwein spoke about other towns that have hired a Sustainability Coordinator. He would do a little more research around utilities hiring a Sustainability Managers, and share with the commission.

Ann Maxwell stated the city services is only 2% of the carbon emissions. But the purview of the council has a lot more effect on carbon emissions by votes they take. Through changing the ordinances, so they impact the emissions significantly. While it may not be a city service, it is a GUC service. Our role as a commission is to advise the city council. Mr. Norris stated that the EAC is welcome to do that but the scope of what the Duke students were studying were the municipal operations.

Dr. Shaw asked if the Sustainability Coordinator could be a joint shared position with GUC and the City of Greenville? Mr. Norris stated it may be more effective long term to have a combined Sustainability Coordinator and for a recommendation from the EAC it is something that is worth proposing.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Update on Duke School of Environment project**

The Duke student's final presentation will be presented on April 9, 2022. Dr. Shaw and Ann Maxwell will be present during the presentation.

### **B. EAC Sustainability Subcommittee Update**

Dr. Ames stated there was nothing to report.

Ann Maxwell asked to remove EAC Sustainability Subcommittee Updates until it is decided who will take over. Since Dr. Ames will no longer be on the Environmental Advisory Commission.

### **C. EAC Council Presentation**

Dr. Shaw presented his rough draft of the Environmental Advisory Commission Report. The commission made changes as they were discussing the report. Dr. Shaw will present the report the council on April 11, 2022.

### **D. Follow up on Solar Presentation**

Ann Maxwell spoke about the last presentation and how she still had unanswered questions about the difference in what is done in other areas. Ann Maxwell spoke about a conversation

with someone from North Carolina Solar Now. And how she would like for them to come and do a presentation possibly in June.

**E. Dickenson Avenue bike lanes**

Dr. McKinnon stated there will not be any bike lanes on Dickenson Avenue. Dr. Shaw will be doing a following up with Brain Fargus.

A motion was made by Dr. McKinnon to send a memo to the council about Dickenson Avenue to have protective bike lanes. And any future developments to the extensive as possible in the City. The motion was seconded by Dr. Trevathan and passed unanimously.

**F. Social Media post for EAC**

Dr. McKinnon spoke about his memo on a communication from the GUC on some Environmental best practices threw the Facebook page. Which lists twenty-three thousand followers for the City of Greenville. Dr. McKinnon suggested we submit an update every quarter.

A motion was made by Ann Maxwell to send Dr. McKinnon's memo to the Public Information Office. The motion was seconded by Dr. Trevathan and passed unanimously.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**9. OTHER- FYI**

None.

**10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Update on Duke School of Environment project**

**B. EAC Council Presentation follow up**

**C. ECU Sustainability Report**

**D. Reduce Light Pollution**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dr. Shaw to adjourn the meeting. Dr. McKinnon adjourned the meeting.