

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
November 2, 2023

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. McKinnon, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. The following attended the meeting:

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Jeff McKinnon
Yoshi Newman
Thomas Trevathan
Karin Zipf

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

GUEST:

Owen Bergquist, President ECO-Pirates

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 5, 2023 MINUTES

Dr. McKinnon stated that:

- “ECU Diversity” needs to be the “The Pirates Diversity Initiatives”.

A motion was made by Mr. Trevathan to approve the October 5, 2023 minutes with these amendments. The motion was seconded by Dr. Newman and passed unanimously.

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS OF THE AGENDA

Dr. McKinnon mention Mr. Kyle Brown will not be present to do the Community Solar presentation. Mr. Kyle Brown would be able to be at the January meeting.

Dr. McKinnon mentioned that the Tree Working Group will be moved to January.

5. ANNOUCEMENTS

Dr. Newman mentioned that we are in the middle of the Municipal election. Dr. Newman listed the five early voting sites and times that they are open.

Dr. McKinnon announced other book event on December 9th at Barnes and Noble between 12pm-4pm.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Dr. McKinnon gave an update on the last GUC board meeting. Dr. McKinnon also mentioned that Jeff Monico was also present. Dr. McKinnon mentioned that Mr. Kyle Brown gave a presentation to the GUC board on Community Solar. In this presentation Mr. Brown mentioned that there will be a \$22.00 reoccurring monthly fee. Tony added that this will be a separate fee. There is just the one monthly fee that accounts for both the metering and meter count. It's the same even if you don't sell anything back. Dr. McKinnon mentioned inviting Mr. Kyle Brown to come and present his presentation to the EAC. Dr. McKinnon mentioned going forward the EAC should continue to push for a rate closer to the sales rate for purchasing nuclear energy from the home owners.

Dr. Zipf suggested proposing to GUC on having a Mock-ground breaking or Ribbing cutting with the new solar farm going up on old Pactolus road.

Dr. McKinnon mentioned GUC has an opportunity to encourage residential solar at a very low cost. You lose no farm land with residential solar.

B. Dr. Zipf and Dr. Shaw put together a slide show on Air Quality Index. Dr. Zipf reviewed the slide show. Dr. Zipf will discuss with Dr. Shaw about a list of potential guest speakers to come speak with the EAC and give an update in December.

C. Dr. Zipf presented the proposed tribute letter to Ms. Ann Wall for the EAC to review. A motion was made Dr. McKinnon to approve the tribute letter to Ms. Ann Wall. The motion was seconded by Dr. Newman and passed unanimously.

D. Dr. McKinnon reviewed the proposed agenda items for the Dec. EAC meeting. Dr. McKinnon mentioned moving the Community Solar to Jan. Considering that the three other proposed agenda items listed may take up the majority of the Dec. Meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. OTHER– FYI

None.

10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

- A.** Follow up on Air Quality Monitoring-Dec.2023
- B.** Annual Stormwater Report-Dec. 2023
- C.** EAC Goals-Dec. 2023
- D.** EAC Council Presentation-Dec. 2023
- E.** Community Solar-Jan. 2023
- F.** Tree Working Group-Jan. 2024
- G.** Clean Energy Resolution-Jan.2024

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made Mr. Trevathan to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. McKinnon and passed unanimously.