

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**February 1, 2024**

**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  
Joshua Gardner  
Robert Shaw

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Daryl Norris, City of Greenville  
Wanda Martin, City of Greenville  
Marion Blackburn, City Council Liaison

**GUEST:**

Rajendra Jagad, Founder and Program Director at Exchange Effect, Greenville, NC

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 4, 2024, MINUTES**

Dr. Newman mentioned a few corrections under Old Business, Sections A, Bullet points. This could be reworded to be clearer. On the first bullet point delete the second “make “. On the third bullet point delete “Pacificaly” and change to “Specifically”.

A motion was made by Mr. Trevathan to approve the January 4, 2024, minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Shaw and passed unanimously.

**4. ANNOUCEMENTS**

Mr. Norris announced that there will be a Stormwater workshop for the city of Greenville council on February 5, 2024, at 4pm. It will be before the council meeting.

- To review the history of the watershed master plans and expected updates coming for 2026.
- Reviewing what the stormwater advisory committee looked at and their recommendations. Where that leaves us with our rate plan and current capital spending plan.
- To review the upcoming stormwater ordinance changes. This will go before the council for a public hearing in March and both in April.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Rajendra Jaded, Founder and Program Director at Exchange Effect, Greenville, NC, introduced himself and spoke of his personal interests and his interest in the environment. Mr. Jaded mentioned he was interested in attending more EAC meetings.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** Dr. Shaw reviewed Dr. Zipf's meeting notes with Sinan Souzan, PhD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health at ECU, and North Carolina Agromedicine Institute.

Dr. Newman mentioned that Dr. Zip had reached out to Betty Huddleston, Regional Supervisor NCDEQ Division of Air Quality in Washington, NC. and had not heard back from her yet. Dr. Newman also reached out to Mrs. Huddleston and didn't get a response. Dr. Newman said she would keep trying to reach Mrs. Huddleston. The plan is to have Mrs. Huddleston come speak to the EAC in March. Dr. Shaw said he would check the schedule for the EAC in March.

**B.** Dr. McKinnon reviewed the final PowerPoint for the EAC Presentation for 2024. Dr. McKinnon suggested if they had any other comments, please email them to him.

**C.** Mr. Gardner mentioned the only update on the Tree Working Group was they were advised to find a different location other than a city conference room.

Daryl mentioned that Shanta will present to the council about the upcoming UDO (Unified Development Ordinance). In that process is probably an appropriate time where they can seek necessary council direction on additional vegetation or tree ordinances are allowable per statute.

Daryl suggested asking the city attorney, UNC school of Government and the consultant for the UDO.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

**None**

## **8. OTHER– FYI**

**None.**

## **9. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

**A.** Air Quality Monitoring-March.2024

**B.** Tree Working Group-March 2024

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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