

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
October 3, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room, Yoshi Newman, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. The following attended the meeting:

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Yoshi Newman
Joshua Gardner
Robert Shaw
Karin Zipf
Khristi Dixon

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

GUEST:

Jeff Monico, Sierra Club
Dr. Rob Doherty, Dental Director at Contentnea Health-Greene, Snow Hill

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2024, MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Gardner to approve the September 5, 2024, minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dixon and passed unanimously.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Newman attended an event Rooted in Wellness, on September 28, 2024. While at this event Dr. Newman attended a booth from Strive. Dr. Newman entered a study with Strive, by wearing a bracelet that collects the environmental chemicals and substances that may contribute to Liver Cancer.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mr. Gardner gave an overview on the Vegetation Working Group Final Report that was previously emailed out.

A motion was made by Dr Shaw from the EAC, Dr. McKinnon to present the Vegetation Working Group final report to the UDO as is. The motion was seconded by Dr. Zipf and passed unanimously.

Mr. Norris mentioned the next UDO committee meeting for Dr. McKinnon to attend is in November 2024.

B. Dr. Newman mentioned following up with city council in another public comment discussion on GUC and natural gas not been clean. Dr. Zipf suggested to discuss this more at the next meeting, when Dr. McKinnon gets back into town. Dr. Shaw agreed to discuss it more at the next meeting.

C. Dr. Rob Doherty spoke on research and the information that is out on more harmful effects from fluoride and its effects on the IQ in children.

Dr. Rob Doherty also mentioned a recently settled Lawsuit in California where Judge Chen said something needs to be done by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). This lawsuit was centered on infants and levels of fluoride at 1.05 or above in drinking water.

Dr. Rob Doherty recommended waiting on the response from the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). They have a mandate to come up with something. We need to wait to see what that will be. Their response will help us a lot.

7. NEW BUSINESS-none

8. OTHER– FYI -None

9. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

A. Tree Working Group-November 2024

B. GUC and Natural Gas-November 2024

C. Fluoride Discussion- November 2024

10. ADJOURNMENT

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