

# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 4, 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  
Thomas Trevathan  
Joshua Garner  
Robert Shaw  
Karin Zipf  
Khristi Dixon

### OTHERS PRESENT:

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

### GUEST:

Eliud De Jesus, City of Greenville

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 3-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. McKinnon asked to add to the agenda the following:

- Sustainability Manager
- GUC Board

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

## 3. APPROVAL OF MARCH 7, 2024, MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Trevathan to approve the March 7, 2024, minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Shaw and passed unanimously.

## 4. ANNOUCEMENTS

Mr. Norris mentioned that he had included a survey from Engineering MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization), with the prior minutes.

Mr. De Jesus mentioned the survey covers all transportation routes.

(Roadway Improvements, Bicycle and Pedestrians Improvements, Greenways, Transit, Airport, Freight Capacity) Mr. De Jesus passed out flyers with the QR Code on them. The survey will be open until April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Norris was asked if there was a volunteer representative from the EAC that would serve on a stakeholder committee for the Unified Development Ordinance task force. The representative would need to attend four in-person meetings that would be held from May through September. And would offer feedback to the city's consultants. Dr. McKinnon agreed to attend depending on dates and times. Dr. Shaw agreed if needed he would attend if Dr. McKinnon were out of town.

Mr. Norris mentioned the new Stormwater ordinance will be presented on Monday April 8, 2024. for first vote. The public hearing will be on Thursday, April 11, 2024, for a second vote.

Mr. Norris will also be asking council for permission to apply for a 10-to-20-million-dollar grant through the inflation reduction act for a second emergency operation center and distribution center located north of the river.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD -None**

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** Mr. Gardner announced the Tree Working Group had their first meeting on 4-3-2024, at the Public Works conference room. Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Gardner and three others were in attendance. Two others were not able to attend. Kevin Heifferon, Asst. Director Public Works also attended. The schedule for the meetings is every other week on Wednesday at the same place and time. The Tree working group is looking into the City of Greenville ordinances. They are also looking at a report an under grad ECU student did on different ordinances in cities across North Carolina. This will give them something to branch off to what the City of Greenville ordinances should be.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Mr. Shaw did some brief literature search on Fluoride. Dr. Shaw also spoke to one of the Dentist at the school of Dentistry on Fluoride. Dr. Shaw gave a brief slide show presentation on Fluoride. Dr. McKinnon mentioned getting some of Dr. Shaw's colleagues to come and speak Fluoride at an EAC meeting.

Ms. Blackburn noticed that Dr. Shaw's Presentation was more on a dental perspective. Ms. Dixon previous discuss was on an earlier developmental pediatrics perspective. These are two different fields of study.

**B.** Dr. McKinnon and Dr. Shaw met with Micheal Cowin, city Manager, about adding the sustainability manger position to the upcoming budget. Mr. Cowin indicated the budget should be available in May 2024. Dr. McKinnon suggested that the EAC members meet with City representatives individually to promote the sustainability manager as one of the EAC priorities. Dr. McKinnon will send out a follow-up email to Mr. Cowin, council, the EAC members.

**C.** Dr. McKinnon suggested that the EAC members speak to the council members about making it a more environmentally friendly appointment to the GUC board.

**D.** Ms. Zipf mentioned the data mining ordinances, that are coming up on the agenda on Monday, 4-8-2024. Ms. Zipf suggested keeping the current ordinances and banning crypto

mining. The EAC reviewed the previous memo to the council on crypto mining. The EAC will review and discuss creating a resolution in the May meeting.

**8. OTHER– FYI -None**

**9. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Fluoride Study-May 2024

B. Sustainability Manager-May 2024

C. Crypto Mining Resolution- May 2024

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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