

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2025**

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, 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
Khristi Dixon

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

GUEST:

None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Dr. McKinnon reviewed the drafted copy of a review, by the City of Greenville Environmental Advisory Commission, of: “Clean Future, Environmentally Response: How GUC is fulling its Mission”.

Dr. McKinnon mentioned the revisions he made:

- Added pictures.
- Added a short summary at the beginning of the Key Recommendation for City Council.

Suggestions for Revisions:

Dr. Newman:

- Explain what a Ghost Forest is.
- Series of photographs would bring the message home in the presentation to council.
- Adding the sign that is on the Greenway (Friends overlook in the Native Plants Garden) that is a graph showing the Tar River Flooding in Greenville 1998-2022.
- Change the word “scrutinize” to “review”

- Add the “URL”
- Change the word “councils” to “councilmembers”
- Delete the words” and for wishing to be seen to do so”
- Insert the word” of”
- Add “Not to continue to stack pile natural gas”

Dr. Shaw:

- Is there evidence that we have had more storms in the last five years than thirty years ago?

Ms. Blackburn:

- Changing the word “Shocking” to “concerning”
- Add “brochure” or “pamphlet”.

Mr. Norris:

The correct format is to accompany it with a resolution that say “The EAC would like to adopt this document as formal recommendation to City Council” and send the resolution with this document to Micheal and Valerie and they will send it out to city council.

A motion was made by Dr. Shaw to approve Environmental Advisory Commission review of: “Clean Future, Environmentally Responsible: How GUC is Fulfilling Its Mission “with the recommendations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Newman and passed unanimously.

Dr. McKinnon mentioned that the EAC members meet individually with City of Greenville Council members.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dr. McKinnon reviewed and discussed the EAC goals for 2025.

These goals are to be finalized at the February 2025 meeting.

B. Dr. McKinnon announced that the EAC would need to elect officers for the 2025 physical year.

A motion was made by Dr. Shaw to approve elect Dr. McKinnon as the EAC chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevathan and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Gardner to elect Dr. Newman as the EAC vice-chair. The motion was seconded by Dr. Shaw and passed unanimously.

Dr. McKinnon accepted the EAC chair for 2025. Dr. Newman accepted the EAC vice-chair for 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Gardner to close the donations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevathan and passed unanimously.

8. OTHER– FYI

Mr. Norris updated the EAC on the twenty-million dollars EPA grant. They announced 84 additional projects that they funded and three were in North Carolina and they were not us. They have now distributed 1.6 billion of the 1.96 billion dollars. For the remaining 400 million left, they have 2500 applicants. They are switching their process instead of just reviewing and awarding, if they are awardable, they are going to review them all. We are not out of it by no means, but it's extended into the new administration. In theory we are still in it just haven't been awarded.

Mr. Norris announced that the City of Greenville did get another 1.5 million for the Fire Tower drainage project.

9. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

A. GUC Response Document-February 2025

B. EAC Goal- February 2025

C. City Council Presentation- February 2025

10. ADJOURNMENT

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