

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. Municipal Building 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**GUEST:**

Chad Carwein-ECU  
Beckett Clayton-Luce, ECU -Student

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 5, 2024, and JANUARY 6, 2025, MINUTES**

Dr. McKinnon stated that he had sent out some corrections prior to the meeting.

Dr. Newman stated that for the Dec. 5th meeting:

Under section five, public comment period, second sentence:

- “Past” needs to be changed to “Passed”

Under Section eight, Other FYI, third paragraph, second sentence:

- “Lack of quorum” needs to change to “no quorum”

Under Section eight, Other FYI, first paragraph, second sentence.

- “Low quorum” needs to be changed to “not be a quorum”

Mr. Gardner stated that for the Jan. 8th meeting:

Under section seven, New Business, under Motion:

- “Donations” needs to be changed to “nomination”

A motion was made by Mr. Gardner to approve the December 5, 2024, and January 6, 2025, minutes with these amendments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevathan and passed unanimously.

#### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. McKinnon mentioned he had attended the special UDO meeting to talk about Landscaping issues. Everything the UDO is doing right now is a little up in the air right now. The Hurricane relief bill that was just passed, placed restrictions on zoning capabilities of local governments. This is six months retroactive, any legislature that was passed six months preceding must be modified to comply.

The UDO did have some specific items for proposal:  
(Some are reflections from the Tree Working Group)

- No trees replaced by shrubs.
- Three trees per hundred lineal feet rather than two per hundred lineal feet on developments.
- Buffer requirement between pieces of land with similar use.
- Stronger incentives in terms of credits for existing trees or retaining existing trees.
- 50% Native Trees.
- More of a complete rule of sidewalks as per the Horizon plan.

Dr. McKinnon mentioned that Dr. Shaw's daughter, Caroline Shaw just won a Grammy Award for Best Chamber Music/Small Ensemble Performance in Classical music. Dr. Shaw added it's her fifth Grammy. Dr. Shaw mentioned Ms. Shaw has also won the Pulitzer in music in 2013.

Dr. McKinnon mentioned he received an award at ECU for Engage Scholarship.

Mr. Norris mentioned with the determinations from the current administration, it's not likely any more of the projects will be funded from the EPA Grant applications. It's not even likely that the ones that were awarded will be funded.

Mr. Norris mentioned the city is moving forward with two BRICK applications again this year. (Trafalgar Road and Lake Ellsworth) Monday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> we will be taking the resolution to council for submitting those applications.

Mr. Norris mentioned the last he had heard on the Sustainability Coordinator position was they had selected someone and offered, but they took another position. Now they are going back through a round of new interviews.

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

#### **6. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** Dr. McKinnon reviewed the EAC Goals & Council Presentation.

A motion was made by Dr. Newman to approve the EAC Goals for 2025. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dixon and passed unanimously.

The EAC Goals & Council presentation will be presented to council on February 10, 2025 @ 6pm.

EAC member discussed meeting individually with members of council by February 24, 2025.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Mr. Carwein gave an ECU Sustainability Presentation.

## **8. OTHER– FYI -None**

## **9. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Fluoride Discussion-February 2025

B. GUC and Natural Gas - February 2025

C. Follow up on discussion with Council Members-February 2025

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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