

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**February 2, 2012**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Public Works Facility. Mr. Jay Holley, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. The following attended the meeting:

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS:**

Mr. Jay Holley

Mr. Owen Burney

Mr. Hugh Cox

Ms. Laura Williamson

Mr. Scott Anderson

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Marion Blackburn, City Councilmember

Mr. Kinsey Holton, City of Greenville

Ms. Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville

**3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**4. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 5, 2012 MINUTES**

Mr. Holley requested to correct a statement in the announcement section regarding the Martin Marietta Mine to read "Mr. Caldwell commented that he researched an article on the mine in the Beaufort Observer and found that no permits have been issued except for test digging of wells." A motion was made by Mr. Cox to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burney and passed unanimously.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Announcements**

- Mr. Holley informed the group that Mr. Tim Kelley had submitted his resignation for EAC membership. The City Clerk's office was notified of the resignation and appointments will be sought from talent bank applicants. It was also noted that Mr. Caldwell's term will be expiring in April 2012.
- Mr. Holley informed the group he will be speaking to the Golden Kiwanis on fracking in March by request of Dr. Jim Kenny.
- Mr. Holley announced Mr. Wes Anderson's resignation as Public Works Director and the retirement of Mr. Wayne Bowers, City Manager. Councilmember Blackburn stated the process for hiring a City Manager will take approximately six months and

the City Manager must be in place before the Public Works Director position can be filled.

- Mr. Holley would like to schedule a viewing of the movie “Cool It” which is an educational documentary and questioned if GCPP would like to host this event. Mr. Cox will take this to GCPP and report back to EAC.

#### **B. FROGGS Update**

No representative from FROGGS was present to give an update. Ms. Braddy will contact the FROGGS organization to have a new representative give updates to EAC. Councilmember Blackburn reported City Council has approved funds to match a grant received for the South Tar River Greenway Phase III.

#### **C. Action Items for Plastic Waste**

Mr. Caldwell was not present to discuss this topic; however, Mr. Holley received an email from Mr. Caldwell to spur a discussion. Mr. Caldwell stated that his basic principle was that all plastics need to be reduced, reused or recycled and that a onetime use and then landfill was unacceptable. Mr. Caldwell’s suggestions are as follows:

1. To put together a dynamic presentation about plastic positives and negatives and advertise on all government stations and schedule presentations with every civic, business, and school organization to educate the public;
2. Get ECVC to accept and find outlets for all grades of plastic;
3. City accept all grades of plastic and bags for recycle;
4. Have Keep Greenville Beautiful work with merchants to reduce plastic disposables.

Councilmember Blackburn suggested EAC begin development of a brochure/flyer to bring attention to the public on the costs, environmentally and economically, of plastic waste. Each member was encouraged to collect facts, photos, or other information to include in the brochure and bring back to the March 1, 2012 EAC meeting.

### **7. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Goals Update from City Council Presentation**

Councilmember Blackburn reported City Council at their planning summit reduced the number of goals for the City of Greenville from ten (10) to six (6) and has changed objectives to values. One value for the City is sustainability. Councilmember Blackburn expressed concern that environmental sustainability may not be addressed in a timely manner due to the departure of the City Manager and Public Works Director. She has asked that sustainability be readdressed in March by City Council.

#### **B. EAC Grant Program – Presentation Decision**

Ms. Williamson spoke with the 4H Group at Wahl-Coates Elementary School and determined that their organization is not financially supported by the school’s PTO; however, they have their own fiscal reporting policy in place. Due to this limitation of no PTO financial support, the 4H group asked if they could be considered for the EAC Stormwater Grant. A motion was made by Mr. Cox to amend the grant guidelines to

include similar school organizations as a target group eligible for grant funding. A second was made by Ms. Williamson and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Williamson will update the grant application and brochure information and inform the 4H Group of EAC's decision. Ms. Williamson also volunteered to contact schools regarding the new change in grant guidelines and to solicit applications.

**C. Lighting Standards Stakeholders Group**

Mr. Holton reminded EAC members of the request by the City of Greenville to elect a representative from EAC to volunteer for a Lighting Standards Stakeholders Group. This group will be responsible for submitting suggestions and recommendations for Street Lighting and Parking Lot Lighting to City Council for adoption. It is anticipated the Stakeholders Group will meet once a month for approximately 6-9 months. Ms. Williamson volunteered to be the EAC representative for this stakeholder group.

**D. EECBG Update**

Mr. Holton reported the Investment Grade Audit has begun and building assessments are being completed and monitors have been installed to measure energy usage. A plan to develop upgrades will be completed in June 2012 and the implementation of retrofit/upgrades will be put out for bid.

**E. GCPP Update and Bylaw Review**

Mr. Cox presented the group with a written meeting update and will be available with the February 2, 2012 minutes. Mr. Holton began a discussion regarding the GCPP bylaws and meeting requirements. Mr. Holton reported the public meeting requirements states that the meeting venue must be updated 48 hours before the meeting date if changes are made. It was also determined up to three (3) members to GCPP may be EAC members and up to six (6) members must be non-EAC members with a total of no more than nine (9) members. Mr. Holton will provide Mr. Cox with a list of members and Mr. Cox will update membership and establish quorum guidelines.

**F. Small Urban Waters Grant**

Mr. Holton reported the tight timeline for the Small Urban Waters Grant prevented the City of Greenville from applying for the grant at this time. Mr. Holton stated the grant information indicated a possible recurrence of funding in upcoming years and that he would attempt to apply at a later date if feasible for the City.

**G. Compact Fluorescent Recycling**

Mr. Holton directed attention to the email forwarded by Mr. Wes Anderson regarding the recycling of compact fluorescent lighting. Councilmember Blackburn asked if a co-op could be formed with Lowe's to promote their recycling program. Mr. Holley commented he felt as a government entity, the City could not advertise with one business as it may show preferential treatment and exclude other businesses that may recycle the items. Ms. Williamson expressed concern that the City doesn't have a policy in place to recommend recycling of compact fluorescent lighting. Councilmember Blackburn suggested the City adopt initiatives and develop a policy on recycling.

- 8. OTHER– FYI**
  - A. Recycling Report**
  - B. UST Report**
  - C. Redevelopment Commission Quarterly Newsletter**
- 9. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS –** The following items are proposed for the March 1, 2012 meeting:
  - A. FROGGS Update**
  - C. EAC Grant Program – Deadline and Applications**
  - D. GTV- PSA – April, May, June**
  - E. Brochure for Plastic Waste – Brainstorming Ideas**
  - F. GCPP Update**
  - G. EECBG Update**
- 10. Adjournment –**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.