

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**February 3, 2011**

**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. Ms. Laura Williamson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. The following attended the meeting:

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS:**

Mr. Scott Anderson	Mr. Jay Holley
Mr. Hugh Cox	Mr. Tim Kelley
Mr. Wayne Caldwell	

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville  
Mr. Wes Anderson, City of Greenville  
Ms. Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville  
Mr. Bob Chin, ECU  
Mr. Erich Connell, ECU

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**4. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 6, 2011 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Jay Holley to accept the January 6, 2011 minutes and was seconded by Mr. Tim Kelley. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Announcements**

- Mr. Wayne Caldwell reported that a citizen had expressed concern over underbrush clearing at Elmhurst Elementary School. Gravel had been brought in to make a parking lot. After complaints had been expressed by the local neighborhood association, the gravel was removed and the parking lot abandoned. The citizen questioned if there was any action that could be taken by EAC to help ensure this situation did not reoccur. Mr. Caldwell responded there were no actions that EAC could take; however suggested EAC support any efforts made to sustain the natural habitat of the area.
- Ms. Laura Williamson reported the Greenville Montessori School is attempting to establish a No-Idling policy. Students have collected data on the current idling of vehicles. No-Idling signs will be posted and letters sent to families to encourage no-idling. Once the signs have been posted, the students will recollect data to determine if the no-idling policy has made an impact.

## **B. Sustainability**

Mr. Erich Connell gave a presentation on Sustainability – Concepts and Sources. The presentation gave information on the US Green Building Council (USGBC) and detailed the Leadership in Energy + Environmental Design (LEED) concepts. A copy of the presentation will be available upon request.

During the presentation, Ms. Williamson asked who would be responsible for LEED standards in neighborhoods. Mr. Connell stated he felt that it would be the developer's responsibility to establish those standards. Ms. Williamson also asked about the uptake of the neighborhood certifications. Mr. Connell suggested visiting the public form at USGBC's website that allows individuals to input information, ask questions, and view other data that has been reported.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Environmental Awareness Award – Update**

Ms. Kirby reiterated the main goal of this update was for each member to bring in nominations. The members present discussed possible nominations and questioned the likelihood of more nominations within the group.

Mr. Holley suggested EAC send letters to local homeowners associations to solicit more nominations. He commented that those entities may be aware of efforts of individuals within the groups that would be eligible for the award. It was determined that letters would be sent to neighborhood/homeowners associations from a list obtained from the Neighborhood Advisory Board/Community Development detailing the Environmental Awareness Award along with a nomination form.

### **B. Town Creek Contamination Update**

Mr. Wes Anderson reported that he spoke with an individual from NCDENR via telephone and reported on the test results and found that benzene levels were found at the seep point and the other two points were barely readable. Mr. Jay Holley asked if the seep point would be monitored and tested further at future dates. Mr. Wes Anderson stated that it was indicated the site would be monitored and tested. Mr. Caldwell commented that he was concerned about the statement of NCDENR that a remediation system to eliminate seepage of petroleum products and the system had not been in operation since 1996.

### **C. Recycling Committee Update**

Mr. Scott Anderson gave an update on the Recycling Committee and informed the group that the committee had a draft rewards program drawn up and will be presenting this information to City Council along with a request for a budget of \$30,000 to fund the program.

### **D. GCPP Update**

Mr. Hugh Cox stated the last GCPP meeting was chaired by Mr. Bob Chin and centered on setting up guidelines for establishing an alliance with other agencies to focus on sustainability.

**E. EECBG Update**

One home has passed the higher tier level of the E-300 program and an authorization for the rebate will be signed. Mr. Wes Anderson also stated that no interest had been expressed in LED lighting from residential developers. Therefore, he will be requesting that GUC use those monies to install more LED lighting along Arlington Boulevard.

**7. OTHER– FYI**

**A. Recycling Report**

**B. UST Report**

**8. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS –** The following items are proposed for the March 3, 2011 meeting:

**A. Poultry Plant Update**

**B. Environmental Awareness Awards – Distribute nominations**

**C. GTV – PSA – April, May, June**

**D. GCPP Update**

**E. EECBG Update**

**9. Adjournment –**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.