

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**January 6, 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. Mr. Jay Holley, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. The following attended the meeting:

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS:**

Mr. Scott Anderson  
Mr. Hugh Cox  
Mr. Owen Burney, Jr

Mr. Jay Holley  
Mr. Tim Kelley  
Ms. Laura Williamson

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville  
Mr. Wes Anderson, City of Greenville  
Ms. Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville  
Mr. Kevin Heifferon, City of Greenville  
Mr. Ken Jackson, City of Greenville

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**4. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2, 2010 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Hugh Cox to accept the December 2, 2010 minutes and was seconded by Mr. Owen Burney. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Announcements**

- Mr. Wes Anderson announced that commercial enterprises are expressing interest in the new gasification process of solid waste.
- Mr. Burney commented on a poultry plant that is to be built in the Rocky Mount community and questioned the effects of that plant on the City's environment. Mr. Burney volunteered to look into the matter further and bring back information to the group at the February 3, 2011 meeting.

**B. Elections**

A motion was made by Mr. Hugh Cox and seconded by Mr. Owen Burney to elect Ms. Laura Williamson as Chair and Mr. Jay Holley as Vice-Chair. After discussion, the vote was held and approved by the majority. Ms. Williamson opposed the motion; however, agreed to serve as Chairperson.

**C. Discussion on Tree Preservation**

Mr. Kevin Heifferon gave a presentation on the City of Greenville's Tree Preservation Ordinance. The presentation highlighted benefits of trees, the development of the existing ordinance, description of existing trees, the preservation ordinance, and tree preservation in other cities. After the presentation, Mr. Heifferon stated a stakeholder's committee would be formed to review and possibly revise the City's current tree policies and asked for initial input and suggestions from EAC. It was also requested that a member of EAC join the stakeholder's committee. Mr. Scott Anderson volunteered to join the committee.

**D. Environmental Awareness Award – Potential Recipients**

Mr. Holley presented the group with two recommendations by Mr. Wayne Caldwell for possible Environmental Awareness Award recipients. The first recommendation was for J.H. Rose High School for their wetland project. The second recommendation was for the Convention Center on their efforts to increase recycling.

Mr. Holley reminded the group that nominations are due by February 28, 2011 and encouraged everyone to bring recommendations to the February 3, 2011 EAC meeting.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. City Council Presentation - Recap**

Mr. Holley commented that Mr. Caldwell had emailed the members with a copy of the Environmental Advisory Commission's presentation to City Council that will be given January 10, 2011 at 6:00pm. Mr. Holley encouraged EAC members to attend the City Council meeting.

**B. Town Creek Contamination Update**

Mr. Holley updated the group on the fact that a letter was sent to City Council Members on the Town Creek Contamination issue. The letter detailed information regarding the contamination of the Town Creek area and requested City Council to possibly take action in efforts to clean up the area. A letter was prepared by the Mayor and forwarded to NCDENR. Mr. Wes Anderson stated that he would be making contact with the Division of Waste Management to further obtain information regarding this issue.

**C. Recycling Committee Update**

Mr. Scott Anderson reported that the committee is moving forward with the incentive program. The desire of the group is to increase single family residential recycling and ideas were being discussed for possible incentives in this area. The committee would like to approach City Council and request a budget for the incentive program.

**D. GCPP Update**

Mr. Cox reported GCPP discussed working with other organizations to form a liaison and work together to accomplish commons goals and objectives of all those involved.

**E. EECBG Update**

Mr. Wes Anderson stated that there were few comments about the LED street lighting. He also stated the Revolving Loan portion of the plan had received ten (10) applications; however, five (5) had withdrawn and went with other grant type programs. The loan administrators are looking into the possibility of broadening the qualification levels to increase participation.

**7. OTHER– FYI**

**A. Recycling Report**

**B. UST Report**

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

**A. GUC Projects/Programs**

**B. Sustainability**

**C. Recycling Committee Update**

**D. Environmental Awareness Award – Update**

**E. GCPP Update**

**F. EECBG Update**

**G. Poultry Plant Update**

**9. Adjournment –There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.**