

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
June 2, 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:

Ms. Laura Williamson	Mr. Scott Anderson
Mr. Owen Burney	Mr. Hugh Cox
Mr. Tim Kelley	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Marion Blackburn, City Councilmember
Ms. Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville
Mr. Wes Anderson, City of Greenville
Ms. Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville
Mr. David Barham, Citizen of Greenville

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF MAY 5, 2011 MINUTES

Councilmember Blackburn was omitted from others present. A motion was made by Mr. Cox to approve the May 5, 2011 minutes as amended with the addition of Councilmember Blackburn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelley. The motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Announcements

- Ms. Williamson informed the group that she would not be available to attend the August 2011 meeting.
- Ms. Williamson reported on the GCPP no-idling campaign at Greenville Montessori School. She presented a poster reporting on findings of the campaign before and after the educational component and addition of signs located at the school to encourage no-idling. The results were tabulated by 4th, 5th, and 6th graders based on their observation of vehicles idling in the morning, at noon, and in the afternoon at the school.
- Mr. Kelley asked about a proposed resolution for the Sanderson Poultry Plant. Ms. Kirby reported that Mr. Holley stated a resolution was not needed due to a decision being made by Greenville Utilities to continue their research. Ms. Williamson will email Mr. Holley to get an update on the decision made by Greenville Utilities and

ascertain if a resolution from EAC will be needed.

B. FROGGS Update

Ms. Lockamy was present to update EAC on FROGGS projects. Ms. Lockamy's report included:

- FROGGS had completed a "spring circuit" in which non-profit booths were set up at local public events to promote use of the greenways and to inform the public of the new segment of the South Tar River Greenway and the dedication ceremony details. The dedication ceremony will be held at 10:00am on June 11, 2011 at Green Springs Park.
- A newsletter has been instituted by FROGGS.
- Ms. Betty Dixon is the FROGGS board member to go to for public relations information. Ms. Dixon will be updating kiosk maps and current events brochures for FROGGS.
- Upcoming goals for FROGGS are to create initiatives to secure funding for the feasibility study for the east and west segment of the South Tar River Greenway; create an awareness campaign for fall events; and to promote the Greenway Fun Day to be held in September.

C. Environmental Awareness Grant – Promotion

Ms. Williamson requested volunteers to promote advertising for the Environmental Awareness Grant. This would entail initial contact with key persons in the grant application process; advertising with the City Page, GTV9, and other public outreach efforts; and would also be responsible for establishing a schedule for presentations if requested. Mr. Kelley volunteered to be the liaison for promoting this grant.

D. EAC Proposed Calendar

Ms. Kirby referenced the attached EAC proposed calendar and asked those present to review the calendar and make any suggestions for addition or deletion of topics and be ready to finalize the calendar at the August 2011 meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. GCPP Update

Mr. Cox passed out a mission statement for the GCPP Information Exchange/Coalition. Mr. Cox also asked if a wikispace or website should be established to unite organizations and key groups to build networking between entities. This would allow quick exchange of information and accessibility of electronic data between the groups within the coalition. Mr. Cox will research the costs of websites and further information about wikispaces and report the information at the upcoming GCPP meeting.

B. EECBG Update

Mr. Wes Anderson reported that Greenville Utilities should have the information on the first 6 (six) months of the street lighting test area. Preliminary indications are that induction lighting is approximately 5% more efficient than the LED lighting; however, purchase and electricity costs will also be factors in the equation of which light is more cost effective.

C. Tree Protection Committee Update

Mr. Scott Anderson commented the committee had met three times thus far. He also summarized the current tree protection ordinance and stated the ordinance in effect now covers the cutting of trees on private property of 2 acres or greater without a development plan. The ordinance states that buffers must be left on the property if no development plan is in place; however, all trees may be cut down if a development plan is in place and meets the landscaping ordinance requirements. The committee is looking into options to either replace the current ordinance with one that would be more effective or amend the ordinance to elaborate on the zoning ordinance pertaining to landscaping ordinance regulations. The current ordinance only pertains to commercial property and the group is also looking into the possibility of incorporating an ordinance to address private property areas as well.

D. Recycling Committee Update

Mr. Scott Anderson reported the proposal for recycling was taken to City Council and approved. The new initiative program will begin July 1, 2011 and incoming data and input will be evaluated to ascertain the effectiveness of the program.

7. OTHER– FYI

A. Recycling Report

B. UST Report

Ms. Kirby suggested EAC look into the UST report for property located at 205 South Memorial Boulevard due to the property being adjacent to City of Greenville property. Ms. Williamson will forward the report to Mr. Holley and have him research and inform the group if actions should be taken by the City.

8. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS – The following items are proposed for the August 4, 2011 meeting:

A. EAC Calendar (Finalize)

B. Environmental Awareness Grant – Discuss Call for Proposal

C. GCPP Update

D. FROGGS Update

E. EECBG Update

G. Tree Protection Committee – Tree Preservation Ordinance

9. Adjournment –There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.