

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**March 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. Hugh Cox

Mr. Jay Holley  
Mr. Owen Burney

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville  
Mr. Wes Anderson, City of Greenville  
Ms. Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville  
Mr. Scott Godefroy, City of Greenville

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

There were no additions or deletions to the minutes.

**4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 3, 2011 MINUTES**

A correction was made in Old Business (6) Section B for the Town Creek Contamination Update. "Seat" point was amended to read "seep" point in two locations. A motion was made by Mr. Jay Holley to accept the February 3, 2011 minutes as amended and was seconded by Mr. Owen Burney. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Announcements**

- Mrs. Williamson reported that letters regarding the Environmental Awareness Award had been sent out to local homeowners associations.
- Mr. Wes Anderson introduced Mr. Scott Godefroy, City Engineer, to the group.
- Mr. Wes Anderson asked if any of the members were aware of a group referred to as "Greenville Enviro Group" Ms. Williamson stated the group came out of the Green Drinks group and is only list server group.
- Mr. Owen Burney announced that he would like EAC members to tour the existing Childrens' Hospital at PCMH as a new facility will be built and ground breaking will occur in the next two months. Ms. Williamson will send an email with available dates and forward the information to Mr. Burney to arrange these tours.

**B. Poultry Plant**

Mr. Owen Burney reported on the Sanderson Poultry Plant to be built in Nash County (Rocky Mount, NC) at NC 97 and Interstate 95. The plant will create jobs within the community and the economic impacts would be substantial. Concerns about the environmental impacts of the plant are great within the community. Many neighborhood associations and individuals have filed lawsuits against Nash County due to rezoning of the property that will potentially be utilized by the plant. Mr. Burney gave examples of other communities that have been impacted by Sanderson Poultry Plants (i.e. Kinston, NC plant and a Texas plant) and expressed concerns on the environmental impact to the Neuse River and Tar-Pamlico River by emissions and contaminates. Sanderson has stated they will have their own water treatment system and will not impact the rivers. Mr. Burney stated he would like to invite the Tar-Pamlico River Keeper to speak to EAC.

Mr. Holley stated that the company he works for is doing evaluations for Sanderson and has presented information to Greenville Utilities (GUC) to assess the potential environmental impacts on Greenville and formulate a position statement for City Council. Mr. Holley commented that he felt this information would also benefit EAC and suggested someone from GUC speak in addition to the Tar-Pamlico River Keeper. Ms. Kirby will coordinate both speakers to attend the April EAC meeting.

### **C. Environmental Awareness Awards – Distribute Nominations**

Ms. Kirby presented the group with the two nominations received. Both nominations were identified as individuals and it was noted no other categories were represented. Ms. Kirby suggested using the lack of nominations as an opportunity to revamp the Environmental Awareness Award process. Ms. Williamson agreed with Ms. Kirby and stated that she felt a letter should be sent to the nominators thanking them for nominations and a letter to be sent to nominees thanking them for their efforts.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hugh Cox and seconded by Mr. Scott Anderson to cancel the current Award ceremonies and process, send letters to nominators and nominees thanking them for their efforts and to use the May EAC meeting to revamp the Environmental Award program. The motion passed unanimously.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Town Creek Contamination Update**

Mr. Wes Anderson reported that he had spoken with NCDENR and a meeting will be set up within the next two to three weeks. He informed the group that Mr. Jay Holley volunteered to be the EAC representative at the meeting. Mr. Anderson also stated that any letter that went to NCDENR would need to be presented to them at least a week before the meeting was to be held. Mr. Holley passed out a list of concerns and asked for input from EAC. Mr. Holley asked if Item Number 7 should be removed. Mrs. Lisa Kirby stated that she felt it should be deleted due to the possibility of responsibility being shifted to the City. Mr. Holley agreed and the item was stricken from the comments. Mr. Holley will organize the comments and forward to Mr. Anderson to be compiled into a letter to be signed by Mayor Dunn and forwarded to NCDENR.

### **B. Recycling Committee Update**

Ms. Williamson received a copy of the proposal that would be presented to City Council from Wayne Caldwell. Ms. Williamson also stated that Mr. Caldwell would like to present a letter of support for the proposal from EAC and volunteered to draft the letter.

**C. GCPP Update**

No update was given for GCPP.

**D. EECBG Update**

Mr. Wes Anderson informed the group that a second E-300 home had been applied for with the EECBG program.

Mr. Anderson also informed the group that due to lack of interest in the LED lighting for residential subdivisions this has allowed for more money to be applied to the LED street lighting program. This will permit more LED street lights to be added along Arlington Boulevard. A variety of lighting will also be installed. In addition to the LED street lighting program, monies will be given to the Parks and Recreation Department for lighting change out to more energy efficient lighting. Mr. Anderson reported that the LED street lighting program began in November and will take about six months to see the energy savings benefit.

**E. GTV – PSA – April, May, June**

It was determined the following would be topics for the GTV – PSA’s:

April – Stormwater Pollution Prevention – Lisa Kirby

May – Batteries – Hugh Cox

June – Recycling – Scott Anderson

Other ideas for future PSA’s were LED lighting and home composting.

**7. OTHER– FYI**

**A. UST Report**

Mr. Holley stated there was a proposed NC Senate bill that stated if there was a public water supply available near a UST spill, no clean up would be required. Mr. Holley will be forwarding more information on this bill to EAC members for review.

**8. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS – The following items are proposed for the April 7, 2011 meeting:**

**A. GUC Presentation on the Sanderson Poultry Plant**

**B. PTRF Presentation on the Sanderson Poultry Plant**

**C. Goals & Objectives Review**

**D. Recycling Committee Presentation**

**E. GCPP Update**

**F. EECBG Update**

**G. Environmental Awareness Award**

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