

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
October 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. Jay Holley

Mr. Hugh Cox

Mr. Wayne Caldwell

Mr. Owen Burney

Mr. Tim Kelley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Kinsey Holton, 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 additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Cox to approve the September 1, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelley. The motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. David Barham asked for clarification on the Tree Ordinance Policy. Mr. Barham questioned the requirements for commercial property versus private residential property. Mr. Wes Anderson explained at this time, only commercial property had requirements of planting vegetation and those requirements were reviewed by various City divisions to ensure compliance. Private residential developments are not regulated at this time; however, the Tree Protection Committee is reviewing the possibility of an ordinance for planting requirements for residential neighborhoods.

Mr. Barham also questioned the budget and revenue for the Stormwater program. Mr. Wes Anderson commented the revenue for Stormwater was approximately \$2.8 million and the budget was approximately \$1.8 million. Mr. Cox commented there was confusion in reference to a stormwater project and the value had been quoted as \$12 million. Mr. Wes Anderson responded that he felt the project in question was valued at \$1.2 million and the initial price was quoted in error.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Announcements

- Mr. Holley commented that he attended a conference related to water resources and one of the topics of discussion was geothermal energy for heating and cooling and stated he felt this may be a topic of conversation for EAC to consider.
- Mr. Holley informed the group of an energy audit he had conducted by Greenville Utilities at his residence. He commended the efforts of the individual conducting the audit and stated he highly recommended this audit for others.
- Mr. Caldwell presented a handout on proposed PSAs for GTV-9.

B. Redevelopment Commission Update

Mr. Burney gave an update on the Redevelopment Commission. The commission is currently working on the following projects:

1. West Fifth Street Streetscape Phase II
2. Evans Street Gateway Design
3. Comprehensive Wayfinding Project
4. West Greenville Business Incubator
5. Center City Science Center – Go Science
6. West Greenville Basketball Complex

Mr. Burney also requested Mr. Carl Rees be added to the EAC January 2012 agenda to give a more detailed report on the Redevelopment Commission and their projects.

C. Keep Greenville Beautiful Update

Mr. Holton passed out a written update given by Ms. Cheryl Tafoya on Keep Greenville Beautiful (KGB) initiatives. The handout detailed projects being addressed by KGB. Some of these projects included the adoption of the Carver Library for beautification initiatives; a grant that had been received to purchase metal recycling containers for uptown and town commons areas; a partnership with Pitt County and East Carolina Vocational Center to implement a Small Business Recycling Program; and information on the Multi-Family Recycling Program.

D. Plastic Bags Discussion

Mr. Caldwell gave a PowerPoint presentation on plastic bags. The presentation detailed information on 1) What problem are we trying to solve; 2) Plastic versus paper bags; 3) Reusable bags; 4) Conclusion; 5) Possible Actions; and 6) Recommendation. A copy of the presentation is available with the October 6, 2011 meeting package.

Mr. Caldwell commented that he felt this was a project that Pitt County, City of Greenville, Keep Greenville Beautiful should become involved with and asked if EAC would be interested in promoting the recommendations as presented. Mr. Caldwell, along with Mr. Holley, volunteered to contact these entities to seek support and report back to EAC with results.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Sanderson Poultry Plant Resolution

Mr. Kelley began the discussion by stating the resolution was submitted to establish a dialogue on the potential effects of the Sanderson Poultry Plant and to inform City Council of those effects on the Tar-Pamlico watershed. Mr. Kelley commented his primary concern was the farms that would be created to supply the plant and the non-point source pollution that would result from these farms.

Mr. Holley suggested EAC do a more intense investigation of the process to become more informed in order to broaden the perspective of the project and make a more defined recommendation to City Council. Mr. Holley will obtain the information presented at the Greenville Utilities Commissioners Meeting by Sanderson Farms and forward it to EAC members. This item will be discussed further at the November 3, 2011 meeting of EAC.

B. EAC Grant Program – Update on Presentations

Mr. Holley updated the group on the most recent changes in the grant package. The updated information was presented to members. Mr. Kelley volunteered to make initial contact with the PTOs’ representatives and schools and schedule meetings with the groups. Once the meetings have been scheduled with these groups, Mr. Kelley will contact EAC members to set up a schedule of teams.

C. Tree Protection Committee Update

Mr. Wes Anderson reported there would be two or three more reviews of suggestions and a public meeting should be held for comments on the suggestions by the end of December 2011.

D. EECBG Update

Mr. Anderson informed the group that presentations have been made on the Energy Savings Performance Contract and a final selection will be made and presented to City Council in November.

E. GCPP Update

Mr. Cox reported he and Dr. Kenny will be recording a video on updated no-idling information to be posted on GTV-9. Mr. Cox will also investigate adding the video to the EAC wiki-page.

F. Town Creek Update

Mr. Wes Anderson commented that NCDENR had anticipated conducting more tests on the Town Creek area. Due to Hurricane Irene, the testing has been postponed and it has not been determined when testing will be complete; however, it is anticipated tests will be done once the system has stabilized and can be completed within the normal testing cycle.

8. OTHER– FYI

- A. Recycling Report**
 - B. UST Report**
 - C. EAC Calendar Finalized**
- 9. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS** – The following items are proposed for the November 3, 2011 meeting:
- A. Goals & Objectives – Suggestions for City Council**
 - B. FROGGS Update**
 - C. GCPP Update**
 - D. EECBG Update**
 - E. Sanderson Poultry Plant**
 - F. EAC Grant Program Presentations**
- 10. Adjournment** –There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burney and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.