

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
April 1, 2010

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. Wayne Caldwell, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. The following attended the meeting:

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Mr. Wayne Caldwell	Dr. James Kenny
Mr. Owen Burney	Mr. Hugh Cox
Ms. Jessica Christie	Ms. Anne Bunnell
Mr. Scott Anderson	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Ken Jackson, City of Greenville	Marion Blackburn, City Council Member
Ms. Melissa Lockamy, FROGGS	Mr. Rajendra Jagad, Citizen
Ms. Jacqueline Zigler, ECU Student	Ms. Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville
Mr. Wes Anderson, City of Greenville	

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda: 14th Street/Greenville Boulevard Rezoning; Solar Collectors - Historic District; PSA/Website.

4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 4, 2010 MINUTES

A correction was made under the Improved City-wide Environmental Opportunity Input to reflect “concerned” to be changed to “concerns.” A motion was made by Ms. Bunnell to accept the minutes as amended and was seconded by Dr. Kenny. The motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Announcements

- Mr. Caldwell introduced Scott Anderson as the newest member to EAC replacing Stephen Janowski as the Professional Engineer.
- “Promoting Sound Environmental Policies” has been moved from the City Goals and Objectives from Number 10 to Number 8.
- The budget to be submitted to City Council will reflect a \$5,000.00 request and if approved will be effective July 1, 2010.
- ECU will be hosting a “Get Green to ECU” Day on April 6, 2010 to encourage riding bikes and public transportation to get to ECU.
- Mr. Caldwell announced Jessica Christie and James Kenny would be leaving EAC

due to expired terms. Mr. Caldwell expressed thanks to both and invited them to attend the Environmental Awareness Awards Ceremony to be held May 6, 2010.

B. FROGGS Update

Ms. Melissa Lockamy presented the FROGGS Update and provided the following information:

- FROGGS is under new leadership as Dr. Jill Twark, Chairperson, has moved to Ohio. Two Co-Chairpersons were elected and they are Marion Montgomery and Nell Roberts.
- Amenities have been paid for along the South Tar River Greenway Phase I. Engraved bricks set in concrete will recognize donations by individuals or other groups.
- FROGGS has been working with Recreation and Parks, and Public Works Staff to tie the different parts of the traditional greenway to each other and to City sidewalks by stenciling.
- Pirate Fest will host a booth with FROGGS to continue promotion for the group and meetings are continuing to being held with City Staff.
- Greenway Fun Day will be held on Sunday, April 25th, near the Dog Park on Ash Street near First Street from 2pm to 4pm.

C. Environmental Awareness Awards – Award Recipients

After discussion, it was determined to award the following person and groups in each category for the Environmental Awareness Awards:

- Best Buy – Business Category
- Lara Brickhouse – Individual Category
- South Central High School – Institution Category
- Faith Christian Academy – Organization Category
- Wellcome Middle School – Honorable Mention in the Institution Category

D. Recycling Incentives Plan Development

This item is based on the 2010-2011 City Goals and Objectives; Item 8 Objective A, Section 2. This section specifies developing strategies working with an ad-hoc recycling committee consisting of stakeholders to increase recycling in the City in coordination with the Environmental Advisory Commission and Keep Greenville Beautiful, Inc.

Mr. Caldwell suggested establishing this ad-hoc group consisting of members from Keep Greenville Beautiful, neighborhood associations, multi-family representation, EAC members, and a citizen at large member. Mr. Caldwell will work with City staff to establish this group of representatives and bring information back to the June 2010 EAC meeting.

E. 14th Street/Greenville Boulevard Rezoning

The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended a Future Land Use Plan Map Amendment along Greenville Boulevard from Fourteenth Street to Adams Boulevard. Dr. Kenny expressed concerns in current traffic patterns and pedestrian traffic.

Dr. Kenny feels EAC should be concerned in this matter due to the increase in traffic and vehicle exhaust, continued loss of canopy of environmentally protective trees, and the five areas of the Horizon Plan that are being violated of which two items are specific to environmental issues.

The members agreed with the expressed concern and it was decided EAC would write a letter to City Council members addressing these concerns.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to have Hugh Cox write a draft letter for approval by EAC members to be forwarded to City Council once the letter was approved. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Solar Collectors – Historic District

Lisa Kirby presented a new ordinance going to the Planning and Zoning Commission to amend the City Code regarding solar collectors in the historic district. This ordinance was presented for information only and no action was necessary by EAC.

G. PSA/Website

Jessica Christie offered her PDF for the website regarding idling. Suggestions were made and Ms. Christie will email the final PDF to the group.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Earth Hour Update

Ms. Bunnell reported the City participated in Earth Hour by cutting lights out in various buildings that were not emergency specific. She also stated ECU did not participate but she would make efforts to elicit participation for next year.

B. EECBG Update/Report

Mr. Anderson stated he is in the process of answering the final three (3) questions from those that approve the grant. The test program for existing street lights will be on Arlington Boulevard between Hooker Road and Memorial Drive. The LED spacing and lighting is in line with the plan and cost of the grant.

C. GCPP Update

GCPP will be partnering with ECU Tourism to attempt to get a wing of the Hilton Hotel to be “environmentally correct” by concentrating on cleaning chemicals and ventilation.

Greenville Alliance Network is still in the works with the concept being determined by GCPP members.

The new chairperson for GCPP will be Hugh Cox.

Bob Chin has given a talk on green washing and detailed information on objectives being incorrectly identified as being “energy star.”

EPA has put a standard on bio-fuels that states by the years 2020-2022 transportation fuel

must contain 36 billion gallons of renewable fuels including bio-fuels.

7. **OTHER– FYI**
 - A. **Recycling Report**
8. **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS** – The following items are proposed for the June 3, 2010 meeting:
 - A. **Draft Calendar**
 - B. **Recycling Report**
 - C. **UST Report**
 - D. **Environmental Awareness Award Recap**
 - E. **GCPP Update**
 - F. **Recycling Incentives**
9. **Adjournment** –There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.