

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
November 4, 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
Mr. Jay Holley
Mr. Tim Kelley

Mr. Scott Anderson
Mr. Hugh Cox

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Marion Blackburn, City Council Member
Ms. Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville
Mr. Wes Anderson, City of Greenville
Ms. Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville
Mr. Mark Gillespie, City of Greenville
Ms. Marianne Montgomery, FROGGS

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Due to the absence of Laura Williamson, the Environmental Awareness Award – Revise Process, Item B of Old Business was removed from the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 7, 2010 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Jay Holley to accept the October 7, 2010 minutes and was seconded by Mr. Tim Kelley. The motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Announcements

- Mr. Caldwell commented international building codes were passed to deliver up to 30% energy savings to homeowners in the building process. Mr. Caldwell commented that North Carolina should also adopt the codes.
- Mr. Caldwell discussed the possibility of having the EAC agenda package sent electronically to members. After discussion, it was determined the packages would be sent electronically to each member with Ms. Blackburn receiving a hard copy.
- Mr. Gillespie reported a meeting is being held on November 9, 2010 at 6:00pm at St. Paul's Church for the Hwy 33 Eastside Park Master Plan process. He stated the Greenfield Terrace Master Plan process is also underway.
- Mr. Wes Anderson reported the hybrid bucket truck for Public Works is in and will be in operation next month.

B. Keep Greenville Beautiful Report

Ms. Susan Daughtry and Ms. Cheryl Tafoya were present to give an update on Keep Greenville Beautiful.

Ms. Daughtry reported the “Feed the Bin” program has been expanded from 14 schools to 39 schools, including all public schools and 3 private schools. She stated a truck had been purchased from the City of Greenville and is currently being painted and designed for collection of recycling from the schools. Ms. Daughtry also reported on the Citizens’ Recycling Committee. She commented the group is working along with the City’s Green“er”ville Campaign to increase recycling efforts.

Ms. Cheryl Tafoya reported the Recycling Trailer would be at various locations next week in connection with the America Recycles week. Ms. Tafoya stated a grant was awarded and used to increase recycling at the Greenville Housing Authority West Meadowbrook location. Roll carts were purchased and gift cards were given to residents who were recycling. Ms. Tafoya stressed how much gifts cards or incentives encouraged people to recycle. As a result of the success of this project, the Greenville Housing Authority has purchased roll carts for Kearney Park, East Meadowbrook, Duber Laney Woods, and Moyewood.

C. FROGGS Proposal on Greenway Priorities

Ms. Marianne Montgomery with Friends of Greenville’s Greenways (FROGGS) presented the group with a presentation on Proposed Greenway Priorities. The presentation detailed benefits of greenways and the benefits of prioritizing projects.

After the presentation, Mr. Caldwell asked the group if they were in support of the priorities for the greenways. Mr. Wes Anderson commented that the priorities could possibly shift due to the timing of interconnectivity of projects. Mr. Wes Anderson explained there was a Bicycle and Pedestrian master planning process that will prioritize all projects within the City and the greenways would be included in that process. Mr. Caldwell asked if FROGGS was involved in the process and Ms. Montgomery responded that FROGGS had been included.

After discussion, Mr. Kelley made a motion to support FROGGS’ concept of the priorities as presented. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

D. GUC Projects and Programs

Mr. Caldwell commented that Greenville Utilities is up to date on all programs and projects and these efforts reflect the City’s goals and objectives.

E. City Council Goals & Objectives Prepare Suggestions

Mr. Caldwell asked each member of the group to consider a “wish list” of objectives for the City to accomplish. Mr. Caldwell also asked the members to make a list of accomplishments the City has already achieved that they were proud to recognize. Mr. Caldwell will take these comments and bring them back collectively to the group at the December 2, 2010 meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Town Creek Contamination Update

Mr. Caldwell presented a draft letter addressed to City Council regarding the Town Creek Contamination issue. Mr. Caldwell commented he felt the City needed to speak with the NC Division of Waste Management further before the letter was sent to City Council.

B. Environmental Awareness Award – Revise Process

The process for the Environmental Awareness Award will remain as is and any changes made to the process will be discussed further by the group for a later date.

C. Tree Ordinance Comparison

Mr. Scott Anderson reported that Charlotte had revised their tree ordinance on September 7, 2010. The two major changes to the ordinance were 1) An increase in the number of trees from 10% to 15% on commercial properties; and 2) A decrease in distance of trees from sixty (60) feet to forty (40) feet on commercial properties parking spaces.

Mr. Scott Anderson reported there were two major differences between the City of Greenville and the City of Charlotte. One difference between Charlotte's and Greenville's tree ordinance is street trees. In Greenville, one (1) large tree must be placed every fifty (50) feet in the right-of-way as compared to Charlotte's one (1) large tree every forty (40) feet. In smaller trees, Greenville requires one (1) tree every twenty-five (25) feet and Charlotte requires one (1) smaller tree every thirty (30) feet. The City of Charlotte also requires street trees in single family residential neighborhoods; whereas Greenville has no requirements.

Another difference existed in the site landscaping area. Charlotte requires one (1) large tree for every 10,000 sq ft of impervious area and 10% of landscaping area per acre on commercial properties. The City of Greenville requires five (5) large trees, ten (10) small trees, and twenty-five (25) shrubs per acre on commercial properties.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Anderson if there were any areas of the Charlotte ordinance that would benefit the City of Greenville. Mr. Anderson commented that Greenville's ordinance was stricter in some areas and more lenient in others in comparison. However, Mr. Anderson stated he felt Charlotte was ahead of Greenville regarding street trees in residential neighborhoods. The City of Greenville does not have an ordinance for street trees and Mr. Anderson stated he felt like this was an area that would have a positive impact for the City of Greenville.

D. GCPP Update

No update was given.

E. EECBG Update

Mr. Wes Anderson reported not all of the LED lights are in; therefore, Greenville Utilities (GUC) is waiting to complete installation until all lights have arrived. Ten applications for the revolving loan program were received. Four of the applications did not meet requirements. The E-300 program is working for custom built homes; however, standard homes are not generating much interest in participating in the process. Andy Yakim, with GUC, has everything he needs for the GUC audit.

7. **OTHER– FYI**
 - A. **Recycling Report**
 - B. **UST Report**
8. **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS** – The following items are proposed for the December 2, 2010 meeting:
 - A. **City Council Goals & Objectives - Finalize**
 - B. **City Council Presentation - Brainstorm**
 - C. **Community Development – Redevelopment Commission & Brownfield Sites**
 - D. **Recycling Committee Update**
 - E. **GTV-PSA-January, February & March**
 - F. **Environmental Awareness Award – Revised Process for 2012**
 - G. **NPDES Phase II MS4 Renewal Update**
 - H. **Stormwater Annual Report**
 - I. **GCPP Update**
 - J. **EECBG Update**
 - K. **Town Creek Contamination Update**
9. **Adjournment** –There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.