

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
September 2, 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:

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

Mr. Wayne Caldwell
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

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Election of Vice Chair was added to the agenda. In addition, Mr. Wes Anderson's report on EECBG was moved to the beginning of the meeting to accommodate his early departure.

4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 5, 2010 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Anderson to accept the minutes as presented and was seconded by Mr. Hugh Cox. The motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Announcements

- Mr. Caldwell reported the Convention Center has placed recycling containers in their facilities. He also reported Ms. Rhesa Tucker, Convention Center Director, has requested that Mr. Caldwell and Dr. Kenny speak at a meeting for the local hotels in reference to the City of Greenville's recycling efforts.
- Mr. Caldwell reported the Sierra Club met with City and County officials on August 16, 2010 to discuss options for the International Code Conference to be held in Charlotte in October 2010. Mr. Caldwell recommended the group send a letter to Mayor Dunn expressing that EAC felt the City of Greenville should be represented at the meeting in October 2010 by the fullest contingents possible. A motion was made by Mr. Hugh Cox in favor of submitting the letter to Mayor Dunn. A second was made by Ms. Laura Williamson and the motion passed unanimously.

- Ms. Laura Williamson gave the members a “straw-man” plan of a grant program for EAC consideration. This item will be discussed in further detail at the October 7, 2010 meeting.

B. NPDES Phase II MS4 Renewal

Ms. Kirby presented the EAC members with a notebook containing the NPDES Phase II renewal application and plan. Ms. Kirby reviewed the application process and discussed in detail the Stormwater Management Program Plan. Ms. Kirby also requested input from the EAC members regarding Section 7.5 (Post-Construction Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment).

C. Stormwater Concerns and Issues

Ms. Kirby reported there were two issues presented to City Council for consideration. The first issue involves the long term maintenance of BMPs. It was determined that a stakeholders group consisting of developers, homeowner association presidents, builders, and City of Greenville staff would be involved and the group would determine the measures to be taken to maintain the integrity of the BMPs.

The second issue addressed was the erosion of stream banks on private properties. The City has identified 65 erosion problems on private properties and has presented these to City Council. Staffs’ initial recommendation to City Council in resolving the erosion problems is a cost share plan in which the City of Greenville would pay 70% of restoration costs up to \$20,000 and the citizen paying the remaining 30% for bank stabilization projects. Restoration would have to be funded by grants. Council has requested additional information which will be presented at the October Council meeting.

D. Election of Vice-Chairperson

A nomination was made by Owen Burney to elect Hugh Cox as Vice-Chairperson. A nomination to elect Jay Holley as Vice-Chairperson was made by Laura Williamson. Mr. Cox withdrew his name and Jay Holley was elected as Vice-Chairperson by acclamation.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. GCPP Update

Mr. Cox stated that Jay Holley is working on a Town Creek Contamination report to be presented to EAC at the October 7, 2010 meeting.

B. EECBG Update

Mr. Wes Anderson reported that two types of LED street lights will replace current street lights along Arlington Boulevard from Evans Street to Memorial Drive. One developer has expressed interest in having LED street lights in Teakwood Green Subdivision. Two houses are currently enrolled in the E-300 program. The Energy Star Building is still being discussed with the Greenville Area Property Managers. The existing audit for commercial and multifamily is still in the works and will be presented to the Greenville Area Property Managers. The Request for Proposal is being developed for the energy audit for

Greenville Utilities.

C. Recycling Committee Update

Mr. Caldwell reported the group is still meeting and will provide details as they become available.

D. GTV – PSA (October, November, December)

Mr. Caldwell volunteered to work on the October PSA with information on Green Lodging in Greenville. Mr. Holley volunteered to work on the November PSA with information on groundwater issues. Ms. Williamson volunteered to work on the December PSA with information on heating and energy conservation.

7. OTHER– FYI

A. Recycling Report

B. Roster

8. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS – The following items are proposed for the October 7, 2010 meeting:

A. FROGGS Update

B. Recycling Committee Update

C. GCPP Update

D. EECBG Update

E. Town Creek Contamination Update

F. Keep Greenville Beautiful Update

G. Redevelopment Commission Projects

H. Environmental Awareness Awards/Grant Program

9. Adjournment –There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.