

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
April 2, 2009

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. Durk Tyson
Mr. Owen Burney, Jr.

Ms. Anne Bunnell
Dr. James Kenny
Mr. Hugh Cox

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Wes Anderson, City of Greenville
Mr. Calvin Mercer, Council Member

Ms. Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville.

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant was added to the agenda under City Goals and Objectives. Citywide Clean-Up Results were deleted from the agenda. The Earth Day Celebration/Green Fest was added to the agenda as new business.

4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 5, 2009 MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Kenny to accept the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Burney. The motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Announcements

Mr. Caldwell thanked Anne Bunnell and Wes Anderson for their work with Earth Hour on March 28, 2009.

Mr. Caldwell announced this would be the last meeting that Durk Tyson would attend as a member of the Environmental Advisory Commission and thanked him for his commitment and dedication.

Mr. Caldwell presented information regarding an upcoming television show titled "Changing Sands." The show details the coastal environment and the effects of loosing sands and the hardening of beach shore by putting in boulders and/or brick walls.

Mr. Caldwell discussed the Green Certification process and discussions held with other entities. The process is in its final form and any additional information or comments would be welcomed.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Environmental Awards

- **Award Ceremony**

It was decided to add an honorable mention category as determined by the group and those honorable mentions should be invited and recognized at the award ceremony. A motion was made by Dr. Kenny and seconded by Mr. Tyson to allow an honorable mention in each category. Discussion arose regarding notifying the recipients/honorable mentions they would be eligible in subsequent years to be nominated again. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion also involved recognizing the honorable mentions at the Award Ceremony. It was decided the honorable mentions would be identified individually.

- **Select Award Recipients**

Nominations ensued and are recorded as follows:

Dr. Kenny made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Bunnell to award the Individual Category winner to Dr. Jill Twark with an honorable mention going to Myriah Shewchuck.

Ms. Bunnell made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Cox to award the Institution Category winner to ECU Recycling Department. No honorable mention was awarded.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Cox to award the Organization Category winner to the TRUNA Neighborhood Association with an honorable mention going to the Greenville Noon Rotary Club.

Dr. Kenny made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Tyson to award the Business Category winner to Cypress Glen Retirement Community with an honorable mention going to Greenville Pathology, PA.

B. Recycling Purchasing Policy

The Recycling Purchasing Policy was discussed and it was determined the policy could move forward. Per Mr. Anderson's request, item number 6 would need to be changed. The trade names of companies currently being identified would need to be removed. Mr. Caldwell will make this modification.

C. City Goals and Objectives Discussion

Mr. Anderson passed out a copy of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) paperwork. In order to receive any monies from this grant, an energy conservation strategy must be adopted and submitted by June 25, 2009 to receive partial funds. Once the strategy is approved by the Department of Energy, the remaining funds must be allocated within 18 months with the monies being spent in three (3) years. The three major requirements for the EECBG are 1) must reduce fossil fuel emissions; 2) reduce total energy use; and 3) improve energy efficiency in transportation, building, and other appropriate sectors. All three elements do not have to be met. A consultant can be hired with the monies to establish the plan. No matching monies are involved in this grant.

April 16, 2009 will be the next big recycling date with the City presenting to the

Neighborhood Advisory Council.

In regard to sanitation, the first budget meeting was held, and the next meeting will be held on April 3, 2009. One decision made at the first meeting was to downsize the expected City's growth, which eliminated the requirement for an additional crew in FY 09/10. This will also eliminate some of the savings, and the numbers were changed to reflect that decision.

The EPA may be resetting the air quality standard and Pitt County has been reevaluated and deemed unclassified.

The Energy Star policy has been signed and the next project will be the Purchasing Policy.

D. GCPP Update/Report

Laura Williamson and Steve Hawley have been working on the brochure for GCPP. The goal is to have the brochure completed before the Green Fest celebration at The Greenville Mall on April 18, 2009.

E. Green Fest

Green Fest will be held on April 18, 2009 at the Greenville Mall from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mr. Caldwell asked if key items involving environmental issues accomplished by the City in the past year could be obtained and Mr. Anderson will be getting that information together.

7. **OTHER– FYI** - The Recycling Report and Current Events were presented for information only.

8. **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS** – The following items are proposed for the May 7, 2009 meeting:

A. Environmental Awareness Award Ceremony

9. **Adjournment** –There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.