

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**December 3, 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  
Dr. James Kenny  
Ms. Anne Bunnell  
Mr. Steve Janowski

Ms. Jessica Christie  
Mr. Owen Burney, Jr.  
Mr. Hugh Cox

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Wes Anderson, City of Greenville      Ms. Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville  
Ms. Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville

**3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

No changes were made to the agenda.

**4. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 5, 2009 MINUTES**

A correction was made to Item 4 to reflect approval of the October 1, 2009 minutes instead of June 4, 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**

- Progress Energy has announced a shutdown of 11 of their coal fired power plants.
- South Tar River Greenway Ribbon cutting will be held on December 4, 2009 at noon.
- Green Drinks will be held next week at Winslow's Tavern.
- Cap & Trade – Estimates show that power bills could increase with this program by \$500 to \$3,100 a year.

**B. Energy Education Plan**

Mr. Steve Hawley, Public Information Officer, was present to discuss the City Goal of promoting sound environmental policies. His action item was to work with GUC to create seasonal Public Service Announcements (PSA) to education and encourage energy efficiency. Mr. Hawley has recorded PSAs with Andy Yakim, Greenville Utilities, and those ads currently run on GTV9. Additional PSAs are being recorded and are scheduled to run with the ads currently in place.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Hawley about the possibility of shooting Public Service Announcements for EAC messages and possible EAC meeting summaries. Mr. Hawley committed to quarterly meeting summaries and a series of PSAs which will be focused on topics identified by EAC. He asked the group to use Ms. Kirby as the liaison for getting the information to him.

**C. Environmental Awareness Award**

Ms. Kirby passed out a copy of the letter to be sent to the public for distribution and asked for comments or revisions. Each EAC member was asked to contact individuals to solicit nominations for the award.

**D. Stormwater Annual Report**

Ms. Kirby passed out a copy of the Stormwater Annual Report. She reviewed the various components of the report and summarized the report for the group. A copy of the report will be attached to the December 3, 2009 minutes.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Goals & Objectives – Finalize**

Mr. Caldwell passed out a paper copy of his draft PowerPoint presentation for City Council. The presentation detailed the Charter of EAC, membership, what the group viewed as opportunities, the disappointments, Environmental Vision, the 2010 objectives, and a summary. A copy of the presentation will be attached to the December 3, 2009 minutes.

**B. Recycling, Options Beyond Education**

This item was held over to the January 7, 2010 meeting.

**C. Multi-Family Recycling Status**

Mr. Janowski presented the group with a Multi-Family Recycling Committee Draft Recommendation. The recommendation presented one option that would require existing and new multi-family complexes to provide recycling facilities for their residents. The recommendation presented provided that all recycling centers be installed in existing complexes within two years and the City would recover the investment by adding a surcharge of \$.42 per month per multi-family household over a four year period. After four years the surcharge will be reduced to \$.09 per month per household to continue covering the cost of maintaining all new and existing recycling centers. A copy of the Draft Recommendation will be attached to the December 3, 2009 minutes.

**D. EECBG Update**

Mr. Anderson passed out a paper copy of his draft PowerPoint presentation to be presented to City Council at the Thursday, December 10, 2009 meeting for review. The presentation outlined the various components of the grant. A copy of this presentation will be attached to the December 3, 2009 minutes.

**E. GCPP Update**

Dr. Kenny informed the group of the redistribution of the GCPP brochures. He also informed the group of a meeting held with Thom Moton and staff, which resulted in the GCPP being advertised in the Daily Reflector, accomplishments possibly being placed on the back of the City calendar, and environmental education in connection with City Channel GTV9. A possible meeting with the Convention Center personnel, City personnel, and others as necessary will be held to discuss recycling options at the Convention Center.

**7. OTHER– FYI**

**A. Recycling Report**

**B. UST Report**

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

**A. Environmental Awareness Award – Update on Contacts**

**B. Recycling Marketing Plan**

**C. Earth Hour**

**D. Recycling, Options beyond Education**

**E. EECGB Update**

**F. GCPP Update**

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