

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
January 8, 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
Ms. Anne Bunnell
Dr. James Kenny

Ms. Jessica Christie
Mr. Durk Tyson
Mr. Hugh Cox

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda

4. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 6, 2008 MINUTES

Mr. Caldwell pointed out Lisa Kirby was referred to as Mr. Kirby in two areas of the December minutes. The minutes were corrected to reflect Ms. Kirby. Dr. Kenny made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Bunnell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Announcements

Mr. Caldwell mentioned the GCPP will be giving their Climate Protection Program presentation at the Town and Gown meeting on January 28, 2009.

Mr. Caldwell questioned funds for sidewalks being used at the Convention Center. Mr. Anderson responded the priority of sidewalks had been changed to complete the Convention Center project; however the monies would still be available in subsequent years to complete remaining sidewalk projects with the appropriate funds.

Mr. Caldwell presented the NC Eastern Region has put together a Green Certification if businesses meet the criteria. Mr. Caldwell requested this item be added to February's agenda and no further discussion was held on this topic.

B. Elections

Mr. Tyson made a motion to keep the current slate of officers in place with Mr. Caldwell as the Chairman and Dr. Kenny as the Vice-Chairman. Ms. Bunnell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Recycling Content Purchasing Policy

Mr. Caldwell commented the City of Greenville does not have a plan in place to purchase recycled material. The group agreed a policy needed to be in place for the City of Greenville to purchase recycled material when available and discussed having a plan drafted for further presentation to the City.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Council Presentation Recap

Mr. Caldwell presented the comments provided by council members as follows:

- Council Member Calvin Mercer – We really need to have a shift in behavior in reference to environmental principals and get people thinking about the environment in respect to health and quality. Council Member Mercer also commented on the EAC not being just an Advisory committee but commended the work that was coming forth from the group.
- Council Member Bryant Kittrell – Discussed the need for citizens with high utility bills and low efficiency housing.

B. Environmental Awareness Award – Individual Contacts

Mr. Caldwell asked if any additional contacts had been made. Ms. Bunnell gave her summary. Dr. Kenny announced his contacts with the Sierra Club.

C. GCPP Update/Report

Mr. Caldwell reported the group was discussing how to get the word out to the community in reference to energy conservation. Mr. Caldwell stated education was the key to informing the community. Dr. Kenny commented the use of schools was a strong force in reaching the community. Ms. Christie suggested using Public Access television. It was determined that Mr. Caldwell would make the proper contact to get the process started.

7. Other – FYI - The UST Report, Recycling Report, Current Events, and 2009 Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Grant were presented for information only.

8. Proposed Agenda Items – The following items are proposed for the January 8, 2008 meeting:

A. Environmental Awareness Award - Update

B. GCPP – Update/Report

C. Greenway Master Plan – Discuss interconnectivity

D. Eastern Region Green Certification

E. Recycling Contents Purchasing Policy Examples

F. ECU Efforts on energy efficiency for low income housing

G. Plastic Containers for water

9. Adjournment –There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.