

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
June 4, 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. Steve Janowski
Mr. Owen Burney, Jr.

Ms. Jessica Christie
Dr. James Kenny

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Multifamily Ordinance Committee discussion was added as new business. The slides for Monday's Energy and Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) presentation were added to EECBG item listed as Old Business item D.

4. APPROVAL OF APRIL 2, 2009 MINUTES

A correction was made to section 6C, City Goals and Objectives, to change "and" to "an" in the third paragraph, second sentence. A motion was made by Dr. Kenny to accept the minutes as amended and was seconded by Mr. Burney. The motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Announcements

Mr. Caldwell announced according to news updates small neck plastic bottles are no longer recyclable.

Mr. Caldwell announced City Council had suggested having the EAC meetings televised on GTV9. The general feeling of the group was to hold the meetings as currently in place and possibly have a spot on GTV9 to highlight some of the topics discussed at the commission meeting.

Ms. Jessica Christie passed around articles relating to school bus idling.

Mr. Caldwell welcomed Steve Janowski as the newest member to the EAC committee. Mr. Janowski thanked the group and gave a brief introduction.

B. FROGGS Update

Ms. Melissa Lockamy was present to give the FROGGS Update. Some objectives accomplished by FROGGS are as follows:

- FROGGS held their 5th Annual Greenway Fun Day at Green Springs Park.
- The Board met with City officials to check in with Greenway projects and to ascertain future projects are being planned.
- FROGGS' current special focus is to have pavement markings to tie the South Tar River Greenway with Town Commons and to the actual trail. FROGGS is concerned about possible disconnects and the use of markings for continuity. Signage and symbols are also currently being discussed.
- Fund raising was another project currently in progress for FROGGS. Ms. Lockamy asked EAC for a list of environmental groups for FROGGS to potentially make presentations to and request donations from.

C. GUC Water Discussion

A presentation was given by Mr. Barrett Lassiter and Mr. Howard Corey from Greenville Utilities on their Water Supply Issues. A copy of this presentation will be available upon request.

D. Proposed EAC Calendar

Mr. Caldwell requested members to submit any calendar items for discussion for future meetings to Ms. Amanda Braddy. A "draft" final calendar will be available for revisions at the August 2009 meeting.

E. Multifamily Ordinance Committee Discussion

Mr. Wes Anderson commented on a committee which will be set up to discuss the placement of recycling centers at new construction multifamily sites and to have recycling centers placed at existing multifamily locations within the next five (5) years. The committee will consist of one member from EAC, one member from KGB, two members from neighborhood associations, two members from property management associations and two multi-family complex owners. This committee will work on the ordinance for the recycling centers at these locations. A draft ordinance to City Council is being anticipated for August or September 2009. Mr. Steve Janowski volunteered for this committee.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Environmental Awards Review Process

This item was held over to the August 2009 meeting.

B. Green Purchasing Policy

The Recycling Purchasing Policy was completed and is currently being reviewed by Mr. Wayne Bowers.

C. GCPP Update/Report

Bob Chin was elected as Vice-Chairperson for this subcommittee. The GCPP brochure is being finalized now and will be discussed at the next meeting. The various internal groups of the GCPP will be presenting the one (1) year status of their five (5) year plan.

D. EECBG

The Energy and Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant is a program that was an unfunded federal program until stimulus monies became available. The current program allows the City of Greenville to obtain funds in the amount of \$777,600.00. To receive the monies, a strategy plan must be submitted by June 25, 2009 or 120 days after approved of an interim award. A joint steering committee needs to be formed and it was requested that one member from EAC be available. Mr. Wayne Caldwell volunteered for this steering committee.

7. **OTHER– FYI** - The Recycling Report was presented for information only.
8. **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS** – The following items are proposed for the May 7, 2009 meeting:
 - A. **GCPP Update/Report**
 - B. **“Draft” EAC Calendar**
 - C. **EECGB- Update/Report**
 - D. **Environmental Awards Awareness review process**
9. **Adjournment** –There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.