

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**March 5, 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      Ms. Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville

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

Dr. James Kenny added the Tenth Street Connector to the agenda as Old Business.

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

Item 8E was removed from the minutes as the item had already been discussed. Motion was made by Mr. Cox to accept the minutes as amended and was seconded by Mr. Durk Tyson. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Announcements**

Mr. Caldwell announced a fair at the Intergenerational Center to be held on March 15, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to promote green activities.

Mr. Caldwell presented a current events item in which a hybrid school bus would be awarded to an individual's school with the best "green" essay. The contest will end April 30, 2009.

Earth Hour will be held on March 28, 2009. This event will allow those interested to shut down their power for an hour beginning at 8:30 p.m. around the world. Mr. Caldwell asked if the City of Greenville should participate in this project and the possibility of advertising for this event.

Economic Recovery Green Funding has various websites for stimulus funds available for "green" projects. A conference call for Cool Cities was held on one website and a Green for All Guide provides a list of some websites as well.

The Town Commons Master Plan will have a public input session on Monday,

March 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Mr. Caldwell turned the meeting over to Mr. Wes Anderson who made the following announcements:

A state grant has been approved for a hybrid bucket truck to be purchased.

DPF's have been completed on all buses and follow-on's for 2 buses have also been completed.

City Goals and Objectives are on the City agenda tonight and will be brought up at the next EAC meeting for review.

Stimulus money has allowed \$1.4 million to the City for transit projects. The monies will be used to purchase two hybrid diesel/electric buses. It will also allow for improvements at the current Reade Circle transfer station and concrete pads between buses.

A 12-hour deadline was given to put in for potential stimulus money for stormwater improvements. The deadline was met by City staff and we will continue to pursue these funds.

Other stimulus monies have been assigned for retrofitting vehicles in fleet stock and other types of improvements to fleet. Monies are also available for an energy efficient portion. Few details have been provided, however, the focus is on infrastructure where energy can be saved.

Improvements have been made to the current Nuisance Code. The changes include moving the sanitation code for improper dumping of trash (which is currently a five day process) to the nuisance code and allow a one day code enforcement to be recognized. This change will allow fees to be accessed for the correction of dumping trash.

## **B. Environmental Award Nominations**

Three additional nominees were added to the initial list sent out with the original agenda package.

Discussion ensued in reference to giving more honorable mentions to more of the categories mentioned. It was also discussed to invite all honorable mentions and recognize them at the award ceremony.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Tenth Street Connector**

Members of EAC met with Kimley Horn and information was shared with those members. ECU, PCMH, and the City of Greenville are not free investors. Each entity gave \$2 million to encourage this project.

Research has shown fine particulates from diesels affects youngsters and reduces their ability to exhale – asthma. This leads to more permanent damage into adolescence and adulthood. Studies have revealed this damage to children occurs within 500 feet and also reveals that damage to children occurs within 286 feet from a highway with a vehicle count of 25,000 or more.

Therefore, EAC has taken a position to the Tenth Street Connector as follows:

“Whereas the Environmental Advisory Commission supports the concepts and ideals of the Tenth Street Connector. We do however advise the City of Greenville to pay attention to and consider the potential negative health effects related to the proximity of Sadie Saulter School to the Tenth Street Connector.

Therefore we request that the road and stop sign/light intersections be placed as far away from Sadie Saulter as possible to ensure the safety of the children and staff.”

A motion was made by Mr. Hugh Cox to accept the position as stated above. Mr. Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **B. Recycling Content Purchasing Policy Draft**

Mr. Caldwell presented the Recycling Content Purchasing Policy Draft to the group. A copy was also forwarded to Angelene Brinkley, Purchasing Manager for the City of Greenville. Mr. Caldwell agreed to format the policy and provide it to the City for consideration.

#### **C. Rebuild Together Discussion**

Rebuild Together is a national organization with an affiliate chapter in Greenville. Five projects are on the books with funding for two currently in place. Rebuild Together is partnering with COG on one project as part of the revitalization district. April 4, 2009 has been set aside as a “build day” for one project underway. To volunteer, contact Becky Sweet at [sweetr@ecu.edu](mailto:sweetr@ecu.edu)

#### **D. GCPP Update/Report**

Andy Yakim will be supplying information on resources available for energy conservation in their homes. The group is also working on a brochure to pass out at various locations and events that detail the group and their efforts in bringing awareness to the environment.

7. **Other – FYI** - The Recycling Report, UST Report, ECU, 2008 Sustainability Report and Current Events were presented for information only.
8. **Proposed Agenda Items** – The following items are proposed for the April 2, 2009 meeting:
  - A. **Environmental Award – Select Recipients and Award Ceremony**
  - B. **GCPP – Update/Report**
  - C. **Citywide Clean-Up Results**
  - D. **City’s Goals and Objectives**
9. **Adjournment** –There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.