

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
March 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Mr. James Woodley, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. The following attended the meeting:

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

David Ames	Scott Anderson
Owen Burney	Emilie Kane
David Kimmel	James Woodley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Council Member Marion Blackburn
Amanda Boone, City of Greenville
Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Woodley asked that New Business Item VII.E. be moved to coincide with New Business Item VII.A. A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended by Mr. Kimmel. A second was made by Mr. Burney and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 5, 2015 MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Ames to approve the February 5, 2015 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burney and passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Boone announced no applications have been received to date for the 2015-2016 EAC Grant.
- Ms. Boone requested all members respond by email to Ms. Braddy on their attendance to EAC meetings to establish quorum.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Plan Committee Request

Mr. Woodley directed attention to the request by Thomas Weitnauer, Chief Planner with the City of Greenville, for an EAC Commission member to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The Committee is preparing to update the City of Greenville's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Woodley stated he would be willing to serve on the Committee as long as possible; however, he would like to have another member be willing to serve as well in the event he has to step down from the Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Kimmel to have Mr. Woodley serve as the designated EAC member on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The motion was second by Dr. Kane passed unanimously. No secondary member was selected at this time.

B. Commission Update Discussion

Mr. Woodley stated EAC went through a process of selecting other City Commissions to receive information and updates on from assigned EAC members. The list of those Commissions with respective reporting members was presented. Mr. Woodley reminded everyone of the upcoming vacancies on the EAC board and requested those that would be remaining to volunteer to provide the updates to EAC. Mr. Anderson reported the Redevelopment Commission is in a flux state due to the unavailability of funding sources. Mr. Woodley stated this Commission would be put on hold until further information could be provided. The following list with members and commissions were determined:

<u>Commission</u>	<u>EAC Member</u>	<u>Next Report Date to EAC</u>
Community Appearance	Dr. Kimmel	October 1 st
Greenville Bicycle and Pedestrian	Dr. Kane	April 2 nd (Dr. Behm)
Greenville Utilities	Dr. Kimmel	September 3 rd
Neighborhood Advisory	Dr. Ames	May 7 th
Planning & Zoning	Mr. Woodley	May 7 th
Public Transportation & Parking	Dr. Kane	April 2 nd
Recreation & Parks	Mr. Woodley	October 1 st

Dr. Kane commented she had attended the Public Transportation and Parking Commission’s (PTPC) meeting. Dr. Kane stated the Chairperson for this commission was unaware of EAC reporting on PTPC events. Dr. Kane asked if the commissions were being notified of our attempts of interaction. Dr. Kimmel stated he had contacted the Chair of the Greenville Utilities Commission and received their minutes by email. Ms. Boone stated EAC members could attend meetings, contact members of other commissions or read the agendas and minutes as posted on the City of Greenville’s website. Dr. Kane commented she felt it would be advantageous to have each EAC member to contact their reporting commission’s chairperson and introduce themselves.

C. Recreation & Parks Commission Update

Mr. Woodley reported there were some planned changes to Town Commons. Mr. Woodley also reported The Tar River Legacy Plan has been presented to City Council and a steering committee is being established. Mr. Woodley reminded the group of the River Park North Symposium activities being held on April 20, 2015. Mr. Woodley asked the group to consider having Mr. Christopher Horrigan from River Park North update EAC on their activities throughout the year.

D. Redevelopment Commission Update

Mr. Anderson stated the Redevelopment Commission has utilized their funds. The Commission is working to complete current projects; however, there are no incoming funds.

E. Greenville Utilities Commission (GUC) Update

Dr. Kimmel reported GUC had adopted the 2012 Local Water Supply Plan. Dr. Kimmel is researching the report further and will give an update on the plan when it becomes available to him. Dr. Kimmel also reported GUC is adopting a water capital project for the water main rehabilitation for the City. \$1.5 million has been set aside to develop an evaluation of the system and to assure the installation of the system will be completed in a cost effective manner. Dr. Kimmel stated a resolution was being considered to annex the Compressed Natural Gas facility location within the City limits to allow the project to proceed.

F. Plastics Resolution Discussion

Mr. Woodley presented members with a draft resolution for plastic bags. The resolution offered various options to address plastic bags within the community. Dr. Ames stated EAC had previously addressed plastic issues and their effect on the environment and asked who initiated the discussion. Mr. Burney responded that Mr. Wayne Caldwell had developed a presentation with information on plastics and presented it to EAC. Dr. Ames suggested having the information previously discussed added into the resolution.

Mr. Woodley commented the target audience would need to be identified with the resolution to allow education opportunities.

Mr. Woodley commented the Keep Greenville Beautiful Committee (KGB) would be meeting March 11, 2015 and would have a discussion on options for plastics as well. Dr. Kane questioned the relationship of KGB to the City. Ms. Boone stated KGB met in the Public Works Department and felt the City had a connection with the group. Ms. Boone stated due to this relationship, she felt the recommendations of KGB should be taken into consideration.

Dr. Kane questioned the depth of actions EAC should advocate in advising City Council. Dr. Kimmel stated he felt the role of EAC was an advisory role and the resolution offered City Council options that allowed EAC to act within that role.

Dr. Ames proposed tabling further discussion to the April 2, 2015 meeting to allow KGB to meet and report to EAC their recommendations and to allow Council Member Blackburn to propose the best approach to City Council.

Mr. Woodley asked that an update on the No Idling Resolution and its status be added for discussion to the April 2, 2015 meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. River Park North Symposium/State of the Environment Discussion

Mr. Woodley stated River Park North Symposium is being held April 20, 2015. EAC has secured a table for the event and will need to be available from 9am for setup until 3pm for tear down. Mr. Woodley will attend and asked for volunteers to assist him. Dr. Kane and Dr. Ames stated they would check their calendars to see if they would also be able to attend.

Mr. Woodley asked members what information they would like to provide on the table. Mr. Woodley stated he felt the grant recipients should be highlighted as well as a fact sheet with EAC information. Ms. Boone stated the plastics brochure with recycling information could also be highlighted and Cheryl Tafoya, City of Greenville Recycling Coordinator, may provide some handouts for the table as well.

The discussion then shifted from the River Park North Symposium to the State of the Environment.

Mr. Woodley directed attention to the handout regarding the State of the Environment symposium. Mr. Woodley stated the event would provide a forum for residents of the City and Pitt County to receive information regarding the environment they live, work, and play in. Mr. Woodley stated the handout provided was not an all inclusive list; however, the list detailed the initial steps to establish the process of moving forward with an event.

Dr. Ames stated he felt the concept of the symposium was an excellent idea and EAC should consider moving forward with the plan. Dr. Kimmel asked how the event would be financed. Mr. Woodley stated he felt a nominal fee could be charged as well as sponsorships. Dr. Kimmel

suggested contacting the environmental stakeholders identified to determine if they would be interested in participating. Dr. Kimmel also commented having activities to target children and this would bring in adults as well. Dr. Ames stated he felt the symposium should be endorsed by City Council before moving forward. Mr. Woodley will follow up with the suggestions provided and report to EAC at the April 2, 2015 meeting.

B. Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Woodley directed attention to the draft vision statement of the Environmental Advisory Commission as handed out. The document provided core issues that could be addressed and assist new EAC members with the functions of EAC and how it relates to City entities. Mr. Woodley stated this would be a companion to the framework as presented at the February 5, 2015 meeting. Mr. Woodley asked that members review the document and be prepared to provide feedback and report back at the April 2, 2015 meeting.

9. OTHER– FYI

A. Recycling Report

10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

The following items are proposed for the April 2, 2015 meeting:

- A. 2015-2016 EAC Grant – Review, Discuss, Approve**
- B. Greenville Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission Update (Behm)**
- C. Public Transportation and Parking Commission Update (Kane)**
- D. Community Appearance Commission Update (Behm)**
- E. River Park North Symposium/State of Environment Discussion**
- F. Plastics Resolution**
- G. Update on No-Idling Resolution**
- H. Strategic Plan Update and Discussion**
- I. Recycling Report**
- J. Quarterly UST Report**

- 11. Adjournment** –There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Anderson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ames and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.