

# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

December 3, 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. Dr. Emilie Kane, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. The following attended the meeting:

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS:

David Ames  
Ernest Larkin  
Jon Weaver

Emilie Kane  
Durk Tyson

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Council Member Marion Blackburn  
Tom Wisemiller, City of Greenville  
Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville  
Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Tyson made a motion to table discussion of New Business Item 7C (Council Presentation – Brainstorm) to the January 7, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Larkin and passed unanimously.

### 4. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 5, 2015 MINUTES

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

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Brownfield Grant Application

Mrs. Kirby introduced Mr. Tom Wisemiller. Mr. Wisemiller gave a PowerPoint presentation on brownfield sites and past brownfield grants the City has been awarded. This presentation will be available with the December 3, 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Wisemiller requested a letter of support from EAC for a new grant application for funds to assess contamination in the West Greenville Redevelopment area as well as other areas of the City with a concentration of brownfield sites.

Mr. Weaver asked who owned properties that were to be evaluated and if the owners would be responsible for cleanup. Mr. Wisemiller stated there are various owners within the Redevelopment area and they are ultimately responsible for cleanup of their property.

Dr. Kane questioned the role of the Redevelopment Commission in this project. Mr. Wisemiller

stated the Redevelopment Commission owns property in the area to be assessed and would be providing a letter of support for the grant application as well.

Dr. Larkin asked what generates an assessment for a property. Mr. Wisemiller replied that most assessments are created with a transaction such as the sale of property. Mr. Wisemiller also noted that most brownfields within the City have been identified and these funds would assess those properties.

A motion was made by Dr. Ames to provide a letter of support as drafted by the EAC chairperson with assistance from City staff for the brownfield grant application. A second was made by Dr. Larkin. The motion passed unanimously.

## **B. Boards & Commissions Update Assignments**

Dr. Kane addressed the list of Boards & Commissions as listed in the agenda package. Mrs. Kirby explained in previous years, EAC members volunteered as liaisons to these commissions and would give updates of their board or commission's activity. Mrs. Kirby recommended EAC select those Boards or Commissions that have common goals or initiatives rather than attempting to report on all Boards and Commissions. Dr. Kane asked for EAC members to volunteer so that the updates could resume. The following is a list of commissions and EAC member volunteer:

1. Redevelopment Commission – Durk Tyson
2. Greenville Bike and Pedestrian Commission – Emilie Kane
3. Recreation and Parks Commission – Ernest Larkin
4. Neighborhood Advisory Commission – David Ames

Dr. Kane also asked that this item be added to the January 7, 2016 meeting to allow members that were not present and new members the opportunity to volunteer for the remaining commissions.

## **C. Council Presentation – Brainstorm**

This item was tabled to the January 7, 2016 meeting.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Goals & Objectives - Finalize**

Dr. Kane directed attention to the list of goals & objectives with comments as provided by Dr. Kimmel. Dr. Kane requested comments from members regarding the suggested changes.

Discussion pursued regarding the goal of the service learning students. Dr. Kane asked if the goal was specific to ECU students, if other schools were included, or if the suggestion by Dr. Kimmel that it be removed be adhered. It was noted that the suggestion to remove was recommended as the goal was specific to the ECU student service learning program and removing it as a goal would allow EAC to incorporate the services of any student or individuals.

Council Member Blackburn requested that Goal 3 should remain as it is. Dr. Kane agreed as well as Dr. Ames and stated they felt the goal would be too inclusive to reduce the goal to identify waste as single use plastic bags alone.

Mr. Weaver requested that Goal 1 be further established to identify Earth Week during the week of April 16, 2016 with April 22, 2016 being Earth Day. Mr. Weaver noted River Park North will be hosting events throughout the week of April 16<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mrs. Kirby suggested City staff solidify the goals with the actions and proposals as identified in the discussion and bring them back to the January 7, 2016 meeting. This item will be added to the

January agenda.

**B. Plastic Resolution**

Dr. Ames presented the revised resolution that incorporated comments provided by other commissions as well as those from the November 5, 2015 EAC meeting. Dr. Ames made a motion to approve the revisions to the plastics resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyson and passed unanimously.

Dr. Larkin asked what the next step for the resolution would be. Mrs. Kirby stated the resolution would be forwarded to City Council by Notes to Council. Council Member Blackburn also added that EAC members could work directly with Council Members to further discussion on the resolution.

**9. OTHER– FYI**

**A. Recycling Report**

**10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

The following items are proposed for the January 7, 2016 meeting:

**A. Council Presentation – Finalize**

**B. 2016 Goals & Objectives – Finalize**

**C. Boards & Commissions Update Assignments – Finalize**

**D. Draft EAC Calendar**

**11. Adjournment** –There being no further business to discuss, Dr. Ames made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kane and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.