

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

January 7, 2016

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. David Kimmel, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. The following attended the meeting:

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

David Ames
David Kimmel
Ann Maxwell

Emilie Kane
Ernest Larkin
Durk Tyson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville
Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Dr. Kane made a motion to add New Business Item C for discussion of relocation of EAC meetings to Public Works Department. Dr. Larkin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 3, 2015 MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Larkin to approve the December 3, 2015 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyson and passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Kimmel welcomed Ann Maxwell as the newest member to the EAC.
- Dr. Kimmel announced he will be taking a new position in Seattle, Washington and will be resigning his position on the EAC effective January 12, 2016. Dr. Kimmel will provide the EAC's update to City Council.
- Mrs. Kirby announced an open house that is being held for the Town Common Phase I Improvement project. Mrs. Kirby informed members the flyer was sent to them via email for information. Mrs. Kirby also reminded members that if two or more members were present, it would constitute a public meeting and requested response from those that may attend.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elections

Dr. Kimmel asked for nominations for Chair. Dr. Ames asked Dr. Kane if she would accept a nomination to move from Vice-Chair to Chair position. Dr. Kane respectfully declined the nomination request. Dr. Ames asked Dr. Larkin if he would accept a nomination as Chair. Dr. Larkin stated he is currently serving as Chair on another board and respectfully declined the request for nomination. Dr. Ames stated he is unable to serve as Chair at this time as well.

Dr. Larkin inquired about Mr. Tyson's availability. Mr. Tyson informed members that he had served on the EAC in previous years as Vice-Chair and would be willing to serve as current chair

if desired by the Commission. Dr. Larkin made a motion to nominate Mr. Tyson as Chair. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ames and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Maxwell nominated Dr. Kane as Vice-Chair. Dr. Larkin made a second and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Draft EAC Agenda Calendar

Dr. Kimmel directed attention to the draft agenda calendar as presented in the agenda package. Dr. Kimmel stated the schedule can be revised as necessary throughout the year. Dr. Kimmel asked if there were any suggestions for the calendar. With no additional comments regarding additions or deletions to the proposed schedule, Mr. Tyson made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Larkin and passed unanimously.

C. EAC Meeting Location Discussion

Dr. Kane made a motion to relocate the EAC's meeting location to the Public Works facility. A second was made by Mrs. Maxwell.

Dr. Kimmel informed current members the meetings were moved from the Public Works Department to Council Chambers by a previous vote of former members in an attempt to increase visibility of the Commission.

Dr. Kane stated she felt a more informal setting such as those previously held at Public Works would be more conducive to discussion of items presented before the EAC. Mrs. Maxwell asked if there was more community involvement when located at Public Works. Dr. Kane stated she attended one meeting while located at the Public Works facility and felt that both venues provided an opportunity for public involvement. Dr. Kane further stated she felt the Public Works facility was more easily accessible than the Council Chambers.

Dr. Ames stated he was persuaded by the element of exposure for the Commission at the City Council location and also felt the meetings were more productive as items were addressed in a timelier manner in Council Chambers. Dr. Ames stated he felt the meetings should remain as is.

Mrs. Kirby commented she felt there were favorable attributes to both locations. Mrs. Kirby informed members that if the vote was to relocate the meetings to the Public Works facility, GTV9 could be utilized for exposure by using City Scenes to record clips of points of interest warranted by EAC. These clips have been used in the past to address concerns regarding Underground Storage Tanks, No-Idling, and previous EAC Grant recipients.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken. The motion failed to pass with one yea vote, two nay votes and three abstentions.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Council Presentation

Dr. Kimmel informed members that the presentation to City Council for EAC will be given on January 11, 2016 and asked for any suggestions on the Council presentation as attached in the agenda package as Attachment C. Dr. Larkin noted Slide 7 needs correction to reflect current year goals as 2015. Dr. Kane noted only five goals listed and there were 8 goals for 2015. Dr. Kimmel stated his intent was to highlight examples of goals that were accomplished during the year. Mrs. Maxwell suggested adding all the goals. Dr. Kane also noted that the No-Idling Resolution should be added to the list of accomplishments. Dr. Larkin added the Plastics Resolution should be listed as adopted.

B. 2016 Goals & Objectives

Dr. Kimmel asked for a motion to adopt the 2016 goals and objectives as presented. A motion was made by Dr. Larkin and seconded by Dr. Ames.

Dr. Kimmel began discussion with Goal #5. A motion was made by Dr. Larkin to remove this goal. A second was made by Mr. Tyson. Dr. Larkin stated the Commission had a responsibility to disseminate results of the EAC's efforts and did not need a specific goal for those actions. After discussion a vote was taken and the motion to remove Goal #5 was approved.

Dr. Kimmel moved to Goal #7 and asked Mrs. Kirby to further discuss the goal. Mrs. Kirby recommended modifying the action of the goal to include education on renewable energy options to the EAC prior to presenting to City Council. Mrs. Kirby stated she has contacted Greenville Utilities Commission's Energy Services Department to confirm if there is a standard on the purchase of green energy. Mrs. Kirby further stated action items B&C for Goal 7 could be developed to be more specific to the City of Greenville activities.

After discussion, Dr. Larkin made a motion to remove Goal 7's Action Item B and retain Action Item C. Dr. Ames seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Larkin questioned Goal 3's action item regarding the presentation to City Council on single-use plastic bags and asked if this correlates with Goal 2 Action Item B. Mrs. Kirby answered they were the same; however, reiterated that direct conversations with Council Members may be another step to promote the resolution.

Dr. Larkin asked if presentations have been given to other Commissions to attain letters of support. Dr. Ames stated he had attended the Community Appearance Commission but there was no quorum the night of the meeting and was unable to obtain a letter of support for the resolution.

Dr. Kane also added that she had attended the Keep Greenville Beautiful Board meeting and that group requested additional information regarding the description of plastic bags. Dr. Kane asked Mrs. Kirby to contact the staff liaison for Keep Greenville Beautiful and request the discussion on this resolution be added to their earliest available agenda.

Dr. Larkin made a motion to maintain existing verbiage in Goal 3A. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maxwell and passed unanimously.

C. Boards & Commissions Update Assignments

Dr. Kimmel directed attention to Attachment D of the agenda package as the list of Boards & Commissions with current assignments. Dr. Kimmel asked for volunteers for the remaining list of unassigned Boards & Commissions. Mr. Tyson stated he would volunteer for the Greenville Utilities Board if there were no objections due to his employment with Greenville Utilities. A motion was made by Dr. Kane to appoint Mr. Tyson as liaison to the Greenville Utilities Commission as liaison. A second was made by Dr. Larkin and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Ames and seconded by Dr. Kane to make the following changes and assignments to the list as presented in the agenda package:

1. Community Appearance Commission – Dr. Ames
2. Neighborhood Advisory Board – Mrs. Maxwell
3. Public Transportation & Parking Commission – Mrs. Maxwell
4. Planning & Zoning Commission – Mr. Weaver

The motion passed unanimously and the reports will be added to the EAC Schedule for future updates.

9. OTHER– FYI

- A. Recycling Report**
- B. Brownfield Grant Letter of Support**
- C. Plastic Resolution**
- D. EAC Membership Roster**

10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

The following items are proposed for the February 4, 2016 meeting:

- A. FROGGS Update**
- B. Earth Day Subcommittee Update**
- C. Stormwater Annual Report Summary**
- D. Redevelopment Commission Update Report (Tyson)**
- E. Plastic Resolution Presentations Update**

- 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 6:45pm.