

# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

June 2, 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. Mr. Durk Tyson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. The following attended the meeting:

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS:

David Ames  
Drake Brinkley  
Ann Maxwell  
Jon Weaver

Emilie Kane  
Nathaniel Hamilton  
Durk Tyson

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Council Member McLean Godley, City of Greenville  
Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville  
Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville  
Daryl Norris, City of Greenville  
Tony Mercado, New Greenville CO-OP Director  
Daniel Sokolovic, Love A Sea Turtle

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Ames to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Kane seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### 4. APPROVAL OF MAY 5, 2016 MINUTES

Dr. Kane noted in New Business Item A that New York was mentioned as state and city. A motion was made by Dr. Ames to approve the May 5, 2016 minutes with the correction to reflect New York City. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kane and passed unanimously.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Kane announced the final public comment session for the City of Greenville's Horizons Plan will be held on June 20, 2016 at the Greenville Convention Center from 6pm to 8pm.
- Mr. Tyson introduced and welcomed the newest members to the EAC board. Mr. Drake Brinkley is an attorney with Ward & Smith. Dr. Nathaniel Hamilton is a physician with Eastern Urological Associates. Mr. Tyson also thanked both for committing their time to serve on the EAC.

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Tony Mercado, New Greenville CO-OP Director, was present to announce New Greenville CO-OP has endorsed the EAC's Plastic Bag Resolution. A letter of support will be provided to the EAC from the CO-OP.

### 7. 2015-2016 EAC GRANT RECIPIENT RECOGNITION

Council Member Godley welcomed the Love A Sea Turtle Organization. Council Member Godley directed attention to the video presentation of the Love A Sea Turtle's efforts for the EAC Grant. Mr. Tyson asked members of Love A Sea Turtle to introduce themselves and give an overview of the project funded by EAC. Mr. Sokolovic thanked EAC for grant funding and highlighted other projects

Love A Sea Turtle has worked with the City of Greenville on such as Storm Drain stenciling and the Environmental River Symposium.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Status of Goals and Work Plan**

Mr. Tyson began by reviewing EAC's goals as presented in the agenda package. In consideration of the first goal of identifying ways to promote environmental education and engage citizens in addressing those issues, Ms. Maxwell commented that she would like to see some educational information presented to EAC on health impacts such as air pollution, and the use of Roundup within the City. Ms. Maxwell suggested having other special interest groups undertake the research of these topics and present their findings to the EAC. Mr. Tyson suggested that Ms. Maxwell make a list of items for consideration in future meetings and present the list to the EAC members.

Mr. Tyson continued with the second goal to continue to increase deliberate and intentional engagement with Council and other Boards and Commissions. Mr. Tyson reviewed the list of Commissions and Boards that the EAC members monitor and provide updates on environmental issues the Commission or Board may have under consideration.

Mr. Tyson also commented on the action item to meet with individual Council Members to discuss the single use plastic bags resolution. Mr. Tyson reiterated the resolution highlighted the detrimental impacts of single use plastic bags and included several options for the reduction of these bags. Mr. Tyson also added the resolution has been forwarded to City Council and included letters of support from other Commissions and Boards.

Mr. Tyson discussed goal four and stated the Watershed Master Plan is scheduled to be complete in August 2016. Mr. Tyson further stated the intention is to have EAC review the water quality recommendations of the plan and provide guidance to City Council. Ms. Maxwell asked if the plan would be merged with the Horizons Plan. Ms. Kirby stated the Horizons Plan will be completed prior to the Watershed Master Plan; however, all City departments and citizens will have access to the plan and will work in correlation with the Horizon Plan.

Mr. Tyson continued with goal five and stated future endeavors to revisit the Cool Cities Initiative and Greenville Climate Protection Partnership would be discussed as well as any action items resulting from those discussions.

Goal six of the list was to identify and suggest ways to increase energy conservation and renewable energy production. This goal is being met with a partnership between the Sierra Club and the EAC to host a Clean Energy Forum in September 2016 to highlight best management practices within the North Carolina and City of Greenville initiatives.

Mr. Tyson directed attention to the calendar included in the agenda and asked that members review the schedule and suggest other topics that may be of interest to members. Mr. Weaver stated he was a member of the City's Active Transportation Master Plan Committee and asked that updates be added to the schedule.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

## **10. OTHER- FYI**

### **A. Recycling Report**

### **B. EAC Membership Roster**

**10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- A. ECU Sustainability Update**
- B. Active Transportation Master Plan Committee Update**
- C. GUC Commission Update**
- D. Redevelopment Commission Update**
- E. Neighborhood Advisory Board Update**
- F. Quarterly UST Report**

- 11. Adjournment** –There being no further business to discuss, Dr. Hamilton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maxwell and passed unanimously.