

**DRAFT OF MINUTES PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION BY THE
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION**

August 4, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the Public Works Conference Room. 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
Nathaniel Hamilton
Durk Tyson

Drake Brinkley
Ann Maxwell
Jon Weaver

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville
Daryl Norris, City of Greenville
Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville
Chad Carwein, ECU

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Brinkley to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Maxwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF JUNE 2, 2016 MINUTES

Dr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the June 2, 2016 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brinkley and passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Active Transportation Master Plan Committee Update

Mr. Weaver stated the mission of the Committee is to develop a master plan to interconnect the community with walking and biking. Mr. Weaver added more information could be found on the City's website at www.walkbikegreenvillenc.com

B. GUC Commission Update

Mr. Tyson updated the EAC on some of Greenville Utilities activities which includes:

1. Greenville Utilities customer software update – Mr. Tyson stated the new software went live on July 4, 2016.
2. Beat-the-Peak/Load Management – Mr. Tyson stated DSM Dyneema purchased a 6 megawatt generator. The use of the generator will reduce electricity usage during peak demand times. This will assist Greenville Utilities in maintaining reduced loads during designated times thereby reducing increased fees charged by Duke Energy.
3. Street Lighting Upgrades – Mr. Tyson stated Greenville Utilities will be installing LED for new street lighting and is working with the City of Greenville to retrofit designated areas of

Greenville with LED lighting as well.

4. Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Media Stop – A road rally to raise awareness of the use of CNG stopped in Greenville, NC in June 2016 to fuel at the CNG facility.

C. Redevelopment Commission Update

Mr. Tyson stated the Redevelopment Commission is currently focused on two major projects. The first project is the Uptown Theater. The theater will operate as a live venue location and is scheduled to be complete and ready for use by March 2018. The second project is the cleanup of the Imperial Tobacco Warehouse property. The removal of the underground storage tank is near completion and it is anticipated a portion of the property will be used for the Greenville Transportation and Activity Center.

D. Neighborhood Advisory Board Update

Mrs. Maxwell commented the Neighborhood Advisory Board encouraged members to participate in the National Night Out event on August 2, 2016. Mrs. Maxwell also stated the Board held a planning session in July 2016 and the possibility of having more neighborhood meetings. Mrs. Maxwell added the latest neighborhood meeting was held in District Two and the Energy Services Department of Greenville Utilities was on hand to educate those present on energy conservation strategies. Mrs. Maxwell also added the Board is researching the possibility of working with the Greenville Police Department and conducting bias workshops in the neighborhoods.

E. Miscellaneous Discussion Items

1. Mr. Brinkley asked if the EAC had ever reached out to ascertain if other communities had environmental projects or ideas the City of Greenville may be interested in mirroring. Mrs. Kirby responded that to her knowledge, no polling has been done with other local cities has occurred unless there was a specific agenda being addressed. Dr. Hamilton asked how City Council received information from the EAC. Mrs. Kirby stated the Council Liaison reports to Council; however, EAC members can speak with other individual Council Members regarding issues being addressed by the EAC if they desire. Mrs. Kirby also stated the EAC could provide technical input on environmental issues and provide this information to City Council in the form of a resolution. However, the information is presented for informational purposes only and does not guarantee the issue will be addressed by City Council.
2. Mrs. Maxwell spoke about the Plastics Resolution and stated the resolution needs to be promoted among the City Council Members. Mr. Weaver stated the resolution needed the support of the EAC Council Liaison and questioned if the resolution could potentially be reworked to gain this support.
3. Mrs. Maxwell addressed recycling at Vidant Hospital as discussed at the June 2016 EAC meeting. Mrs. Maxwell stated Vidant did recycle; however, it was not determined if they were recycling to the best of their abilities. Dr. Hamilton reiterated his concerns for the lack of a recycling policy for medical waste generated.
4. Mrs. Maxwell asked what agency monitors air quality in Greenville. Mr. Tyson stated the NCDENR does this monitoring and the closest monitoring station is in Beaufort County.
5. Mrs. Maxwell also asked about the Watershed Master Plans. Mrs. Kirby stated the plans were being presented to City Council at a workshop planned on August 25, 2016. Mrs. Maxwell added a final meeting of the Horizons 2026: Greenville Community Plan would meet on August 10. Mrs. Maxwell stated she felt it was important that the Watershed Master Plan be included in this document.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Clean Energy Symposium Update

Dr. Ames reported the committee had met July 22, 2016 and continued to discuss the objective of the symposium. Dr. Ames further stated the direction of the symposium at this time was to give an overview of the impact of climate change and the national movement to reduce fossil fuel emissions. Dr. Ames has secured a guest speaker to discuss solar energy from Wilson County and is working to secure speakers to discuss commitments to sustainability from the UNC community as well as a guest from Greenville Utilities to address the possible shift to clean energy and emission standards. The symposium would close with comments and from the audience and panel discussion. The committee will meet tomorrow, August 5, 2016 to confirm a date for the symposium as well as solidify the content and will report the information at the September 1, 2016 EAC meeting.

9. OTHER– FYI

A. Recycling Report

Mr. Tyson asked if a tour of East Carolina Vocational Center (ECVC) could be scheduled for the EAC. Mrs. Kirby asked if members would like to have the tour conducted in lieu of a meeting. Mr. Tyson replied he would like to review upcoming agendas and determine if the tour could be held in lieu of a meeting. Mrs. Kirby will research options available and report back to the EAC what is available.

B. Quarterly UST Report

10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

The following items are proposed for the September 1, 2016 meeting:

A. ECU Sustainability Update

B. Keep Greenville Beautiful Update

C. Planning & Zoning Commission Update (Weaver)

D. Greenville Bike & Pedestrian Commission Update (Kane)

E. Clean Energy Symposium Update (Ames)

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Brinkley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hamilton and passed unanimously.