

# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

March 2, 2017

## CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. 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  
Ann Maxwell

Drake Brinkley  
Emilie Kane  
Durk Tyson

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Daryl Norris, City of Greenville  
Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville  
Chad Carwein, ECU  
Kevin Heifferon, City of Greenville  
Hunt McKinnon, ReLeaf

### 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 FEBRUARY 2, 2017 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxwell to approve the minutes of February 2, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ames and passed unanimously.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mrs. Maxwell announced she attended the Active Transportation Committee meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> and presented members with a flyer for two Open House Public Meetings for the Active Transportation Plan. Mrs. Maxwell also thanked Mr. Tyson for providing links to NCDOT information on roadway projects in the City.
- Mrs. Maxwell stated WNCT TV had ran an article regarding a Brody scientist had found harmful chemicals in drinking water and added this could be a topic for discussion at a future meeting.

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Community Tree Day

Mr. Heifferon was present to inform members of the Community Tree Day Event to be held on March 18, 2017 from 9am to 12 noon at the Blount Recreational Sports Complex. The trees will be planted along the City's new Green Mill Run Greenway. Mr. Heifferon added the funding for the trees came from the ReLeaf organization and thanked them for their continued support. Mr. McKinnon added that hats would be provided to those participating.

**B. 2017-2018 EAC Grant**

Mr. Tyson announced there were no updates at this time for the grant as no applications have been received to date. Mr. Tyson reminded everyone that the application deadline date is March 24, 2017.

**C. Goals/Work Plan – Establish work plan and action items**

Mr. Tyson directed attention to the 2017 EAC goals found in the agenda package. Mr. Tyson asked if there were any topics members would like to add to the goals for the upcoming year. Mr. Brinkley recommended adding an action item to Goal 3 for the updates from the Stormwater Advisory Committee. Mr. Norris noted this update is currently listed under Goal 4, Action Item B.

Mr. Tyson asked for a motion to accept the goals as presented. A motion was made by Dr. Hamilton made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Brinkley to accept the goals as presented.

Dr. Kane asked if the status of Goal 6, Action Item A status should be omitted as the Clean Energy Symposium has been held. Mrs. Maxwell suggested amending the status to read “In partnership with the Sierra Club, EAC will continue collaboration in presenting a Clean Energy Discussion to highlight best management practices that may be utilized within the City of Greenville.”

Dr. Hamilton rescinded his original motion to accept the goals as presented. Mr. Hamilton made a motion to accept the rewording of Goal 6. A second was made by Mr. Brinkley. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. ECU Sustainability Update**

Mr. Carwein updated EAC with the following items:

- Mr. Carwein was in contact with Vidant Medical Center to discuss future recycling effort ideas with the hospital. A meeting has been scheduled and Mr. Carwein will provide further information as it is received.
- STARS report has been submitted and more information is required. Mr. Carwein stated a Bronze rating is still anticipated.
- Film Series event will be held on March 21, 2017 at 7pm at the Jenkins Center. “Living Downstream” will be presented and Sound Rivers Association will be providing a speaker.
- Climate Change and Health Symposium will be held on March 23, 2017 at the Brody School of Medicine.
- ECU will be participating in Earth Week with several events during the week of April 16-22.

**B. Plastic Bag Resolution – Staff Assignment**

Mr. Norris stated Ms. Tafoya will be attending the EAC meeting in August to present information on the City’s recycling efforts. Mr. Norris also informed members that the City Council’s motion for the Plastic Bag Resolution included City staff investigating further recycling efforts focusing on single use plastic bags. Dr. Kane asked if a subcommittee or task force could be formed by EAC. Mr. Norris stated EAC could form a subcommittee and could include members outside of the EAC. Mr. Tyson recommended each EAC member reach out to City Council Members and City Manager to determine a future course of action.

**C. Clean Energy Initiatives Update**

Dr. Ames stated he would like to look at ways the City could address reducing waste and increasing renewable energy. Dr. Ames further stated the EAC had a subcommittee in the past that had addressed some of these concerns and felt the subcommittee should be reinstituted. Mr. Tyson

asked City staff to provide a roster of the subcommittee members to determine interest in forming a committee to examine these matters further.

**D. Stormwater Advisory Committee Update**

Mr. Brinkley reported the Stormwater Advisory Committee met on February 3, 2017. The meeting was primarily the history of the Stormwater Program and regulations for the City. The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2017. Mr. Brinkley will provide an update to EAC in April.

**9. OTHER– FYI**

**A. Recycling Report**

No report given

**10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

The following items are proposed for the April 6, 2017 meeting:

**A. Quarterly UST Report**

**B. 2017-2018 EAC Grant – Review & Discuss**

**C. Community Appearance Commission Update (D. Ames)**

**D. Planning & Zoning Commission Update (D. Brinkley)**

**E. Stormwater Advisory Committee Update**

**F. Clean Energy Initiative – Follow up**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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