

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
April 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Robert Shaw, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. The following attended the meeting:

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Robert Shaw
Ann Maxwell
David Ames
Jeff McKinnon

OTHERS PRESENT:

Daryl Norris, City of Greenville
Hayleigh Wade, City of Greenville

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Ames to approve the agenda with the addition of Army Core of Engineers presentation update by Mr. Norris to New Business. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maxwell and passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 4, 2021 MINUTES

Dr. Ames made a motion to approve the March 4, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maxwell and passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Norris introduced the newest EAC member, Jeff McKinnon. Mr. Norris reminded the committee of zoom meeting guidelines and quorum requirements. Mr. Norris announced the retirement of Amanda Braddy, former secretary of EAC, and introduced Hayleigh Wade as the new EAC secretary.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

7. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. ECU Sustainability Report

None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. EAC Sustainability Subcommittee Update

Dr. Ames informed Dr. McKinnon of the subcommittee mission and current project with graduate students from Duke University's School of Environment. Dr. Shaw stated the subcommittee has been working with Duke and City Staff to submit a proposal for graduate students to work with City of Greenville to create a greenhouse gas admission inventory. Dr. Shaw stated Dr. Albright has provided recommendations and questions regarding the proposal. Dr. Shaw forwarded those questions to Ms. Wall for further guidance. The submission date for consideration is June 1st.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Core of Engineers Presentation Update

Mr. Norris updated the committee on the recent Army Core of Engineers virtual public meeting.

Mrs. Maxwell asked if the flooding studies conducted would have any impact on developmental regulations. Mr. Norris stated the focus with this study is on flooding effects as it currently stands and not on development impacts. Dr. Shaw stated he believes we are having flooding issues because of climate change and warming of the environment. Mrs. Maxwell informed the committee about walkable communities and the positive impacts it can produce. Mr. Norris shared his thoughts on sidewalk concerns and walkable communities in relation to current regulations. The committee discussed the future agriculture focused housing development coming to Greenville.

10. OTHER– FYI

Mrs. Maxwell stated she would work with Mr. Carwein to research previous Horizons plans to create a presentation for the committee. Mrs. Maxwell asked Dr. McKinnon to speak about his knowledge on biodiversity at the next meeting.

11. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

A. Biodiversity Presentation by Dr. McKinnon

B. Horizons Plan and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Presentation by Mrs. Maxwell and Mr. Carwein

13. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Ames made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McKinnon and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned.