

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

May 6, 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
Dallas Clark

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville
Hayleigh Wade, City of Greenville

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 4, 2021 MINUTES

Dr. Ames made a motion to approve the April 1, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. McKinnon and passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Kirby announced the National Ride of Silence being held on May 9th. Dr. Shaw introduced Mr. Clark as the newest member of the Environmental Advisory Commission. The commission members discussed the current vacancies within the commission.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

7. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. ECU Sustainability Report

Mr. Carwein updated the commission on Earth Week at ECU. Mr. Carwein stated he has been working with Honor College students on environmental issues regarding beekeeping, electronic waste and planting orchid farms. Mr. Carwein shared some projects the Multimodal Commission has been working towards for the City.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. EAC Sustainability Subcommittee Update

Dr. Ames stated the subcommittee is waiting on final approval of the submission for the graduate student project with Duke University. Mrs. Kirby stated she will follow up with Mr. Norris to determine the status of the submission.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Biodiversity Presentation

Dr. McKinnon shared a presentation regarding biodiversity with the commission. Mr. Clark asked if Planning and Zoning should be considering these issues when rezoning and building

new developments. Dr. McKinnon stated Planning and Zoning could incentivize planting native plants rather than nonnative to developers and encourage these small changes to create large impact. The commissions discussed ways to increase biodiversity within the community.

B. Horizons Plan and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Presentation

Mrs. Maxwell presented the Horizons Plan and encouraged the commission members to read through the plan. The commissions discussed ways to integrate the Horizons plan into the community and present the changes to City Council. The commission's members agreed to contribute three or four questions each to review and put together for City Council consideration.

10. OTHER– FYI

None.

11. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

A. Report on Horizon Plan work

13. ADJOURNMENT

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