### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES JUNE 2, 2022

## CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the Public Works Department conference room, Dr. Shaw, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. The following attended the meeting:

## 1. ROLL CALL

## **MEMBERS:**

Robert Shaw Ann Maxwell Thomas Trevathan Jeff McKinnon

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Daryl Norris, City of Greenville Wanda Martin, City of Greenville

## **GUEST:**

Chris Baker, North Carolina Solar Now

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Thomas Trevathan to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ann Maxwell and passed unanimously.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF May 5, 2022 MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. McKinnon to approve the May 5, 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ann Maxwell and passed unanimously.

### 5. ANNOUCEMENTS

Dr. McKinnon announced the Facebook posts to be quarterly. His July post will be on Global Biodiversity Hotspot Status in the coastal plains.

Dr. Shaw mentioned getting the ECU students "Greenhouse Gases Emissions Inventory Report" published in the Daily Reflector or on Facebook. Dr. Shaw said he would contact Brock Letchworth, city of Greenville Public Information Officer, about seeing if he could get it published.

Mr. Norris announced that it is staff desire that this commission also serve as the Floodplain Program for Public Information Committee. Basically, this Commission would review the report and make an annual review of the Public Information efforts. That the city does in regards to floodplain and flooding.

#### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD None

#### 7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Dr. Shaw announced that there are still three vacancies, Builder, Lawyer, and an environmental

interest person. Dr. Shaw also stated that Mr. Meyerhoeffer will no longer be our liaison. Mr. Norris announced that on June 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a council meeting where they will be installing a new council and then the Mayor will make assignments for liaison for the boards of commissions. It would be up to the new appointed liaison on who they recommend from the applicants to council for appointment.

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS

**A.** Ann Maxwell introduces Chris Baker, from North Carolina Solar Now, to do a presentation on Solar. Mr. Baker presented about solar energy connections, metering, and options of how rates are set. Mr. Baker made suggestions of how to increase solar usage in Greenville such as public engagement, discussions with elected officials, and communicate with other successful communities.

**B.** Mr. Norris shared copies of the City of Greenville Floodplain Program Public Information document. Mr. Norris explained the City created a Program for Public Information (PPI) as part of the Community Rating System (CRS) to increase education and outreach about flooding. Part of this process is an annual evaluation by a PPI committee, now the EAC.

Mr. Norris reviewed the elements of the PPI with the committee including: messaging, target audience, and outreach projects. He gave a report of the current status of each outreach project proposed in the PPI.

Dr. Mckinnon made a motion to approve the report provided that, in the future, the committee is presented with this information with more time to review. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevathan and was passed unanimously.

# 9. OTHER– FYI None.

10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS A. Sustainability manager

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Thomas Trevathan to adjourn the meeting. Ann Maxwell adjourned the meeting.