

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
April 4, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Public Works Facility. Mr. Scott Anderson, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. The following attended the meeting:

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Mr. Scott Anderson
Mr. Owen Burney
Mr. Jay Holley

Dr. Michael Behm
Mr. Hugh Cox
Ms. Laura Williamson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kevin Mulligan, City of Greenville
Kinsey Holton, City of Greenville
Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville
Harry Stubbs, FROGGS Representative

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Holton requested the Stormwater Annual report to be removed from the agenda and be presented at the May 2, 2013 meeting. Mr. Holton also request the discussion of the summary of the parking deck be moved to the May 2, 2013 meeting as Community Development will also be presenting information on their Brownfield Grant Program at that time. A motion was made by Mr. Cox to approve the deletions as presented. A second was made by Dr. Behm and the motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MARCH 7, 2013 MINUTES

Mr. Holley made a motion to accept the March 7, 2013 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox and the motion passed unanimously.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Anderson announced the City Council will vote to fill vacancies on EAC at their April 11, 2013 meeting. As reported by the City Clerk's office, there is one applicant in the talent bank at this time for one of the two EAC positions that will become vacant as of the May 2013 meeting. Those present were encouraged to solicit individuals to submit applications to the City.
- Mr. Holton announced Wahl-Coates 4H Group would be conducting water sampling at Green Springs Park on April 11, 2013 beginning at 2:30pm and encouraged all to attend. Mr. Holton stated the City of Greenville's Public Information office and The Daily Reflector have been invited to attend as well. However, City of Greenville's City Council would be meeting on April 11, 2013 and it was undetermined if GTV-9 staff would be available to attend the Wahl-Coates project.
- Mr. Holton informed the group that Mr. Hawley, with City of Greenville's Public Information office, had suggested EAC meet in City Council Chambers. This topic will be discussed further at the May 2, 2013 meeting of EAC.
- Mr. Anderson presented Mr. Holley and Ms. Williamson with a Certificate of Recognition for

their service on EAC. Mr. Anderson commended both on their individual service as Chairperson as well as their efforts on the Grant program and Town Creek efforts.

- Mr. Holley reported Dr. Mitra's class along with City staff and himself had visited the Tobacco Warehouse, Town Creek and the oil spill site. Mr. Holley stated the class completed some water sampling and air quality monitoring would be detailed at a later date.
- Mr. Holley also announced there is a regional groundwater capacity use area the state operates which encompassed Pitt County along with 14 other counties that will restrict the amount of water that can be pumped out of aquifers. A report will be issued by the state in August that will decide if further reduction of groundwater will be put into effect. Greene County doesn't have a surface water supply and currently purchases water from Greenville Utilities Commission. Therefore, Greene County is petitioning the state to have their status excluded as the cost to upgrade their piping from GUC would cost millions of dollars. Mr. Holley stated he felt EAC should be aware of the consequences the restrictions could create for surrounding counties and potential effects this would also create for Pitt County and the City of Greenville.
- Mr. Holton announced Greenfest would be held on April 13, 2013 downtown and encouraged everyone to attend.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. FROGGS Update

Mr. Harry Stubbs was present to update EAC on FROGGS. Mr. Stubbs reported the 3rd annual Friend Raiser had been held on February 2, 2013 at the Bradford Creek Golf Course. Mr. Harry Stubbs will become the new FROGGS Chairperson and new members will be added as well.

Mr. Stubbs also reported a meeting was held at C.M. Eppes was held for the Phase 3 of the Greenway. Forty-eight people were in attendance.

Mr. Stubbs announced the Greenville Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission has been approached by Brook Valley representation and they would like to have a bike path from Port Terminal into Greenville.

Mr. Stubbs also announced ECU will be having a public comment period for their Comprehensive Bicycle Plan on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 from 5pm to 7pm at Mendenhall.

B. Summary Report – Parking Deck

This item was tabled to the May 2, 2013 meeting.

C. Stormwater Annual Report

This item was tabled to the May 2, 2013 meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. EAC Grant Program – Current Grant Update

Dr. Behm reported there were two interested applicants for the upcoming grant cycle. Applications are due on Monday, April 22, 2013. Applications will be reviewed at the May 2, 2013 meeting and the grant will be awarded at the June 6, 2013 meeting. Ms. Williamson asked about the possibility

of supporting both applicants if funding was available. Ms. Williamson further stated the grant was written as such that monies could be split between more than one applicant if EAC deemed appropriate. Mr. Holton stated the funds could be split and the Commission could also seek funding from outside entities to enhance the grant as well.

B. Plastics Brochure – Distribution Project

Mr. Holton reported he had spoken with Nick Rowlett regarding some minor edits to the brochure. The consensus of the group was to have the right panel edited to remove the “squirt bottle” and have the text changed to bold print to match the left panel of the brochure. One quote for printing and folding had been obtained and the cost for 500 copies, the cost would be \$245.00. Staff will pursue additional quotes as well.

Mr. Holley stated he spotted a pamphlet display at GUC and asked if that would be an appropriate location. Ms. Williamson asked if ECVC had a mailing system for possible distribution of the brochure. Other locations for distribution and display of the brochure offered were Greenfest, City Hall, Convention Center, new resident mailings, City of Greenville website, Facebook, and Twitter.

C. GCPP Update

Mr. Cox sent members an update of the March 12, 2013 meeting via email.

8. OTHER– FYI

A. Recycling Report

Mr. Holton presented a report on Keep Greenville Beautiful Recycling Update.

B. UST/AST Report

Mr. Holton stated he had followed up with Mark Gillespie on the River Park North site listed under the AST table summary report and no monitoring had been reported; however, he would continue to follow the progress of this site and report findings when they are received.

9. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS – The following items are proposed for the May 2, 2013 meeting:

A. Parking Deck Summary

B. Brownfield Grant Update

C. Review/discuss Grant applications

D. Stormwater Annual Report

E. EAC Proposed Calendar

F. GTV – PSA’s July, August, September

G. Sanitation Department Report

H. Discussion to review meeting in Council Chambers

I. GCPP Update

10. Adjournment –There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.