

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
October 4, 2012

1. 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. Jay Holley, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. The following attended the meeting:

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Dr. Michael Behm
Dr. Robert Chin
Mr. Jay Holley

Mr. Owen Burney
Mr. Hugh Cox
Ms. Laura Williamson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kinsey Holton, City of Greenville
Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville
Tom Wisemiller, City of Greenville
Lana Holley, Citizen
Bryn Terry, ECU student
Sini Kantola, ECU student
Brad Sceviour, ECU student
Natham Williams, ECU student
Dustin Carney, ECU student
Brad Dolan, ECU student

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012 MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Williamson to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burney and passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Holley recognized students visiting from East Carolina University and each introduced themselves. There were no further public comments.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Announcements

- Mr. Holley informed the group that Dr. Mitra with the Geology Department at ECU had been in contact with Mr. Holton and obtained information regarding Town Creek to utilize in a forensic geology class that will be scheduled in the spring of 2013. Dr. Mitra will meet with City officials to review prior Town Creek investigations and access to the site in preparation for his class.

- Mr. Holton presented the recycling report to the group. Mr. Holton explained the report was not available prior to the meeting and was being offered for review.
- Mr. Holton announced an Urban Stormwater Tour being sponsored by the City of Greenville's Stormwater Management Section, East Carolina University and the Pamlico-Tar River Foundation. The tour will provide a firsthand look at the current status of Greenville's two main urban streams, Greens Mill Run and Meeting House Branch, and the impacts upon the citizens and the City's storm drainage infrastructure. The proposed tour date is October 24, 2012 from 4-6pm beginning at the Public Works Facility.
- Dr. Chin reported on the Service Learning Memorandum of Understanding. Dr. Chin stated this document would need to be signed by the EAC Chairperson prior to a service learning project being established between EAC and ECU. Mr. Holton asked to table the discussion to November in order to have members of EAC and the City attorney review the document.
- Dr. Chin announced the 7th Annual Green Building and Solar Tour will be held on October 27, 2012. Morning and afternoon tours will be available. No further information was available; however, Dr. Chin stated he would forward a website link when the information was updated.

B. Redevelopment Commission Update

Mr. Tom Wisemiller with the City of Greenville was present to give an update on the Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Wisemiller stated there were four primary items the Commission was focused on at this time. The first item discussed was the 3rd Brownfield Grant for assessment. This grant awarded the City of Greenville \$200,000 for general hazard property assessment. Emphasis on this grant will be to attain redevelopment partners for the West Greenville area. Ms. Williamson asked if the grant stipulated the West Greenville area for redevelopment or if the location was chosen due to the concentration of brownfields in that area. Mr. Wisemiller responded the City of Greenville had previously applied for grants that were site specific and were unsuccessful. After researching the process, it was determined EPA was looking for grant applications that would tap into community development, economic development and environmental, redevelopment and broadening the grant application to include all brownfields was successful in obtaining grant funds.

The second item in development is an application for a Clean-Up Grant. The grant would provide \$400,000 for property clean-up. The City is currently investigating a specific property for clean-up with identified environmental concerns and the redevelopment of the property is potentially beneficial for the City. At this time, the property cannot be publicly announced due to ownership issues and the grant application will be submitted once the issue is resolved.

The third project of the Redevelopment Commission is the Evans Street Gateway project. The project is the development of Evans Street between 9th Street and 10th Street and will consider incorporation of Stormwater BMPs into design. The project will go out for bidding within the next three to four months.

The final project being monitored by the Redevelopment Commission is the Federal Courthouse that may be located at the corner of Dickinson Avenue and Reade Circle. No further information is available at this time but the City will be monitoring the progress of the project and its potential results to the uptown business area.

Mr. Burney questioned the status of additional projects that were reported at the last EAC meeting by the Redevelopment Commission. The projects were the Wayfinding Project, the basketball complex, the Center City GoScience building and the business incubator. Mr. Wisemiller stated he did not have information on these projects; however, he would research the information and report the information back to EAC.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Brochure for Plastic Waste

Ms. Williamson informed the group that she had received seven responses for a request to design of the Plastic Waste brochure. Ms. Williamson chose a student that showed the initiative to provide a “mock-up” design of a brochure. Ms. Williamson also informed the designer of the need for a wide outreach of education for the public. Ms. Williamson consulted with Mr. Holton and Mr. Steve Hawley to determine the requirements on development of the brochure. Ms. Williamson provided the sample brochure to members and asked for input on the design to date. The timeline for production was questioned by the designer for development also. The timeline is not certain at this time as funding is still being determined. Ms. Williamson has requested two designs and will present them to EAC for final approval.

B. GCPP Update

Mr. Cox presented the group with minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting of GCPP. The emphasis of the meeting was the sustainability report developed by Chad Thomas, City of Greenville intern, and Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville Senior Engineer. Mr. Holton also informed the group that Ms. Kirby met with the City of Asheville’s sustainability team and had obtained helpful information from them regarding the sustainability report. Dr. Behm asked if EAC should be providing input to City Council on the sustainability report. Mr. Holton responded the task had been assigned to GCPP and their input will be forwarded to EAC for approval. Once the information has been approved by EAC, a Resolution of Support would be forwarded to City staff to be presented to City Council.

The next meeting of GCPP will be held on October 9, 2012.

C. Lighting Standards Update

Mr. Cox attended the Lighting Standards Stakeholders Committee meetings for Ms. Williamson. The Street Light Committee will recommend metal halide fixtures and semi cut off fixtures for glare control and uniformity to City Council. The Parking Lot Lighting Committee will recommend controlling light pollution with semi or full cutoffs. Boundaries of property lines will be the measuring point to determine if light is spilling over onto right of ways. These recommendations are scheduled to be made to City Council in November.

- 8. OTHER– FYI**
 - A. UST/AST Report**
 - B. Keep Greenville Beautiful Report**
- 9. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS – The following items are proposed for the November 1, 2012 meeting:**
 - A. Goals & Objectives – Suggestions for City Council**
 - B. EAC Grant Program – Current Grant Update**
 - C. GCPP Update**
 - D. FROGGS Update**
 - E. Service Learning Memorandum of Understanding**
 - F. Plastic Waste Brochure**
- 10. Adjournment –**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

***Attached are documents presented at the meeting not attached to the original agenda.