

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
December 2, 2010

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. Wayne Caldwell, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. The following attended the meeting:

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Mr. Wayne Caldwell
Mr. Jay Holley
Mr. Tim Kelley
Ms. Laura Williamson

Mr. Scott Anderson
Mr. Hugh Cox
Mr. Owen Burney, Jr

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville
Mr. Wes Anderson, City of Greenville
Ms. Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville
Mr. Carl Rees, City of Greenville

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 4, 2010 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Anderson to accept the November 4, 2010 minutes and was seconded by Mr. Owen Burney. The motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Announcements

- Mr. Caldwell commented NCDENR was pushing against EPA on the new clean air regulations, specifically the ozone.
- Mr. Caldwell commented that he has resigned from the Sierra Club.
- Ms. Kirby reminded the group of the upcoming Environmental Awareness Awards. A list of contacts will be mailed to the EAC members to make contact and solicit nominations for the award. Mr. Caldwell also asked the members to consider possible nominations from themselves to bring back to the group.
- Mr. Holley reported that his neighborhood has organized a Neighborhood Association. Mr. Holley stated that he has spoken with the chairman of the association to discuss possible recycling incentives and ideas.

B. Community Development (Redevelopment Commission and Brownfield Sites)

Mr. Carl Rees with the City of Greenville’s Community Development Department gave a presentation on Redevelopment Commission projects and Brownfield Sites. A copy of the presentation will be made available upon request.

C. Stormwater Annual Report

Mrs. Kirby gave an update on the Stormwater Annual Report. She commented there were three notable topics in this report. The first topic was the challenge by participants of the stormwater program regarding the “qualified professional” definition. The “qualified professional” is the person required by the City to do the inspection of the Stormwater Facilities.

The second topic is the decrease in construction of stormwater facilities. Four stormwater facilities have been completed in 2010. The third topic was the Notice of Violations issued. Mr. Caldwell questioned if penalties were issued for non-compliance. Ms. Kirby reported that no penalty could be issued until 90 days after the owner of the facility is notified of deficiencies. At that point, a Notice of Violation is issued giving the owner an additional 30 days to make repairs before a civil penalty is issued.

Discussion ensued regarding the reporting of sewage being dumped on property and the lack of Notice of Violations being issued. Ms. Kirby stated a Notice of Violation cannot be issued when the dumping of the sewage did not reach a stormwater conveyance. Mr. Caldwell asked if there was a City ordinance on reporting these violations. Ms. Kirby commented Pitt County becomes involved when notified and any sewage spill is reported to the State. Mr. Holley volunteered to look into reporting procedures.

D. GTV – PSAs for January, February, and March

It was determined the following topics would be addressed for PSA’s

- January – Electronics Recycling – Wayne Caldwell
- February – Battery Disposal – Hugh Cox
- March – Native Plants – Laura Williamson

The quarterly topic for January – March will be on groundwater and will be handled by Jay Holley.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. City Council Goals and Objectives

This topic was combined with the City Council Presentation topic.

B. City Council Presentation

Mr. Caldwell presented the group with a draft version of his presentation to City Council. It was determined that “consider recycle pickup throughout the City” on slide 10 be removed. Mr. Caldwell will also add a comment in the summary section as requested by Council Member Blackburn regarding solar panels.

C. Town Creek Contamination Update

Mr. Holley reported that a letter has been sent to City Council members regarding the sampling of Town Creek by the State and the results of those tests. The letter requested comment and guidance by the Mayor and City Council members to EAC.

D. Recycling Committee Update

Mr. Caldwell stated the committee will meet and will then be ready to give their presentation to City Council. The committee feels that an incentive program will be what is required to increase the recycling in the City above 10%.

E. GCPP Update

Mr. Cox reported the group discussed the Environmental Awareness Award and the possibilities of nominations from members of EAC.

F. EECBG Update

Mr. Wes Anderson reported the monies have been transferred for the revolving loan funds and he would get in touch with Sandra Anderson to see how the project was going. He also stated that GUC will be reimbursed for the street lights purchased and billing for the lights was the next step in the process. Calls were received in reference to the E-300 program by low income builders.

G. NPDES Phase II MS4 Renewal

Ms. Kirby reported that a draft generic permit had been received from the State to review for comments. The North Carolina League of Municipalities will be meeting to determine comments and present a unified response to the State.

7. OTHER– FYI

A. Recycling Report

B. UST Report

8. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS – The following items are proposed for the January 6, 2011 meeting:

A. Election

B. City Council Presentation – Recap

C. Recycling Committee Update

D. Environmental Awareness Award – Potential Recipients

E. GCPP Update

F. EECBG Update

G. Tree Preservation

9. Adjournment –There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.