

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**January 2, 2014**

**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. Robert Chin, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. The following attended the meeting:

**1. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS:**

Dr. Michael Behm  
Mr. Hugh Cox

Dr. Robert Chin  
Dr. David Kimmel

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Council Member Marion Blackburn  
Council Member Rick Smiley  
Emily Beasley, Greenville Citizen  
Zack Beasley, Greenville Citizen  
Kinsey Holton, City of Greenville  
Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville

**2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. Dr. Behm made a motion to proceed with the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox and passed unanimously.

**3. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 5, 2013 MINUTES**

Council Member Smiley asked to change the minutes to reflect his title as Council Member – Elect. A motion was made by Dr. Kimmel to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Behm and passed unanimously.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Dr. Chin announced that he would be resigning from EAC with the expiration of his term in April.
- Dr. Chin welcomed Ms. Emily Beasley and Mr. Zack Beasley to the meeting. Mr. Beasley informed the group of his desire to attain his merit badge in Citizenship to the Community for his Eagle Scout requirements. He further explained that he will be working with a private school near Farmville, NC to construct an outdoor learning center.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Elections**

Mr. Cox commented his term would expire in April 2014 noting he would thereby not be eligible to serve any positions. Dr. Chin also announced his resignation with the expiration of his term in April 2014.

Dr. Behm nominated Mr. Scott Anderson for the EAC Chair position. The motion was seconded

by Dr. Kimmel and passed unanimously.

Dr. Kimmel nominated Dr. Behm for the EAC Vice-Chair position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox and passed unanimously.

#### **B. 2014 Goals**

Dr. Behm began the discussion by reviewing the 2013 goals. After discussion, it was determined the goals for 2014 would be as follows:

1. Identify and deploy five ways in which to engage citizens in environmental sustainability with funding that supports an environmental sustainability project.
2. Increase deliberate and intentional engagement with Council and with other commissions.
3. Identify and suggest five ways to reduce volume of our waste.
4. Seek ways to preserve our “liquid gold” (water).
5. Incorporate service learning students from ECU in the pursuit of one 2014 EAC goal.
6. Distribute a plastics brochure.
7. Develop an inventory of the City’s Public Works’ environmental sustainability accomplishments/achievements.
8. Develop a culture of measuring and disseminating the results of EAC’s efforts.

A motion was made by Dr. Behm to establish the goals for 2014 as listed above. A second was made by Mr. Cox. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **C. 2014 EAC Grant**

Mr. Holton stated the first two grants issued were focused on stormwater initiatives due to funding. Mr. Holton further explained additional funding sources had been identified and would need additional research to ascertain if those sources would be suitable for EAC projects.

Dr. Behm questioned Mr. Holton regarding the possible funding source that was identified through Red Moon. Dr. Behm stated, by request of the Public Works Director, an initiative was presented to propose to Red Moon. Mr. Holton added the initiative would need to be more specific to Red Moon, such as providing Red Moon with a project idea and solidifying the grant around the proposed project.

Dr. Behm then asked if Stormwater funding would be available for the 2014 EAC grant. Mr. Holton confirmed that this could be an option if approved by EAC. Dr. Behm made a motion to have Stormwater fund the 2014 EAC grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox and passed unanimously.

### **7. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Council Presentation – Review and Finalize**

Dr. Chin presented the current version of the presentation that will be given to City Council on January 13, 2014. Dr. Chin will pare down the number of slides to reflect the ten minute time limit and would also add Council Member Smiley as part of the support to EAC. Dr. Chin will revise the presentation with suggested amendments and forward to members for review.

#### **B. GCPP Discussion**

A motion was made by Mr. Cox to table this discussion to the February 6, 2014 meeting. A second was made by Dr. Behm and passed unanimously.

**8. OTHER– FYI**

**A. Recycling Report**

Dr. Behm asked if recycling rates were expected to increase based on the delivery of recycling carts to citizens. Dr. Chin also asked when data could reflect an upward trend in recycling. Mr. Holton stated he was uncertain when this information would be available; however, he would make contact with the Sanitation Division to determine the possibility of the information becoming available.

Council Member asked if the outlier for September 2011 could be edited to more properly reflect recycling efforts. Mr. Holton will research options available.

**B. UST Report**

Mr. Holton will follow up with the River Park North UST incident reported on last month's UST report and detail findings to EAC.

**9. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS –** The following items are proposed for the February 6, 2014 meeting:

**A. FROGGS Update**

**B. 2014 Goals Implementation**

**C. 2013-2014 EAC Grant Update**

**D. Quarterly UST/AST Report**

**E. GCPP Discussion**

**10. Adjournment –**There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Anderson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burney and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.