

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
February 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Mr. James Woodley, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. The following attended the meeting:

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

David Ames
Michael Behm
James Woodley

Scott Anderson
Emilie Kane

OTHERS PRESENT:

Council Member Rick Smiley
Christopher Horrigan, City of Greenville
Joe Miller, Pitt County Resident
Lisa Kirby, City of Greenville
Amanda Boone, City of Greenville
Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Anderson asked to table the Redevelopment Commission update as the Commission did not meet in February and there were no minutes available for the January meeting. Dr. Behm also asked to table the Greenville Utilities Commission update as Dr. Kimmel was not present. A motion was made by Mr. Anderson to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ames and passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 8, 2015 MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Ames to approve the January 8, 2015 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Behm reported he had completed a City Scene with the City's Public Information Office regarding the 2015-2016 EAC Grant. Dr. Behm reported there was an article in the Daily Reflector about the grant as well. Mr. Woodley presented the article to Commission members as well as copies of the fact sheet for members for distribution.
- Ms. Braddy informed EAC that FROGGS would not be giving an update as Mr. Stubbs, FROGGS Chair, reported there were no significant events to announce as presented from the last quarterly update.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Joe Miller, Pitt County resident from Bethel, NC was present to request EAC consider encouraging the City of Greenville to petition Greenville Utilities Commission to offer net metering. Mr. Miller was concerned that he was not getting equal credit for utilizing solar energy. He is only paid wholesale rates for his solar energy generation.

Dr. Kane asked if this could be an opportunity to have someone speak to EAC regarding net metering

and solar energy for public education. Dr. Behm commented by way of announcement that ECU is attempting to evaluate what sustainability practices were being utilized on campus. Dr. Behm stated an external advisory board had met approximately two weeks ago to expand education opportunities. The board had a representative from Greenville Utilities and a faculty member that had expertise in solar and wind energy.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. River Park North Environmental Symposium Presentation

Mr. Christopher Horrigan, Parks Coordinator at River Park North, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on River Park North's Biodiversity Assessment. The presentation will be available with the February 5, 2015 EAC meeting minutes.

B. River Park North Environmental Symposium Participation Discussion

Mr. Horrigan announced an Environmental Symposium is scheduled for April 20, 2015 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The symposium is being presented by Love a Sea Turtle. High school students will be educated on environmental issues with speakers being scheduled in the morning sessions and afternoon sessions consisting of informational booths with environmental groups. Mr. Woodley stated he would like to have EAC participate in the symposium and would be the point of contact to establish a booth or informational table. Mr. Woodley also asked if the City of Greenville would have the Enviroscape available at the symposium to educate the students on the effects of stormwater runoff.

C. Redevelopment Commission Update

This item was tabled to the March 5, 2015 meeting.

D. Greenville Utilities Commission Update

This item was tabled to the March 5, 2015 meeting.

E. Stormwater Annual Report

Ms. Kirby was present to provide information contained in the Stormwater Annual Report. The report will be available with the February 5, 2015 meeting minutes.

F. Amended By-laws Discussion

Ms. Boone directed attention to Attachment C of the agenda package. Ms. Boone presented the changes suggested by staff to the By-laws. These changes included an update to the location of the meeting as well as identifying City Code policies in addressing EAC regulations. A motion was made by Dr. Kane to accept the amendments to the By-laws as presented. A second was made by Dr. Behm. The motion passed unanimously.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. No Idling Resolution

Dr. Kane reminded members of the presentation given by Dr. Kenny and his request for support for a no idling resolution to be presented to City Council. Dr. Kane stated the resolution would recommend support of no idling signs to be installed in City parking facilities at Recreation and Parks sites and in the Uptown Greenville parking lots and parking deck to reduce the air pollution, public health, and economic effects of motor vehicle idling. A copy of the draft resolution was distributed. Ms. Kirby stated the resolution would need to be reviewed by the City's attorney for formatting and could then be forwarded to City Council for consideration. Mr. Woodley stated he would like to have the resolution presented to City Council prior to budget commitments to allow

the possibility of funding for signage. Ms. Kirby stated she believed the State of North Carolina has signs that may be free; however, more investigation was needed to verify the signs were available for municipalities. Dr. Behm asked if no idling signs had been installed at all Pitt County schools. Ms. Kirby stated staff would verify and correct the verbiage in the resolution if needed.

A motion was made by Mr. Woodley to approve the resolution of support for the no idling signage installation with the amendment of the Pitt County School information as verified. A second was made by Dr. Ames and passed unanimously.

Ms. Kirby requested guidance on presenting the resolution to City Council. Dr. Kane stated she would like to have the Council receive the resolution by Notes to Council and have Council Member Blackburn inform the remaining Council Members about the resolution of support.

Mr. Woodley stated he would like to have a resolution regarding plastics be presented to Council and asked if both resolutions should be presented simultaneously. Ms. Kirby stated she felt the resolutions should be presented separately. Mr. Woodley requested discussion regarding the resolution be added to the March agenda.

9. OTHER– FYI

- A. Recycling Report**
- B. New Membership Roster**
- C. 2014-2015 Grant Update**
- D. Final Calendar**

10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

The following items are proposed for the March 5, 2015 meeting:

- A. Strategic Plan Update**
- B. River Park North Symposium/State of the Environment Discussion**
- C. Community Appearance Commission Update (Behm)**
- D. Recreation and Parks Commission Update (Woodley)**
- E. Redevelopment Commission Update (Anderson)**
- F. Greenville Utilities Commission Update (Kimmel)**
- G. Commission Update Reporting Discussion**
- H. Plastics Resolution Discussion**

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