

**Environmental Quality Advisory Board****Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 2, 2015**

**A. Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) was held at the Municipal Training Room. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM with Steve Kenworthy, chairman, presiding.

Members in attendance: Bruce Applegate (Staff Liaison), Steve Kenworthy, Gray Dean, Rhonda Bogard, Marisol Bonnet, Joe Wood, Robert Kennedy, Paige Russell, Pat Imperato

Members Absent: Donna Kriedelbaugh, Aditya Chourney and Emma Milloway

Non-member guests: Ellen Smith (City Council) and Marion Burger (LWV),

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Robert Kennedy, seconded by Dean Gray, MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Feb 5, 2014 Minutes: Moved by Robert Kennedy, seconded by Dean Gray. MOTION CARRIED. There were no minutes from the March 5 EQAB meeting or the March 19<sup>th</sup> work session due to a lack of a quorum

**B. High School Representatives Report:** There was no report since the students were not present.

**C. Unfinished Business:**

Steve Kenworthy reported on EQAB working meeting with Mark Watson on March 19<sup>th</sup>

- No quorum present. Members present included Steve Kenworthy, Pat Imperato, Robert Kennedy, Marisol Bonnet. Bruce Applegate was present as well.
- Purpose of meeting was to obtain Mr. Watson's priorities for EQAB.
- RE: Filling EQAB vacancies: Manager recommends Council appointments to board vacancies on a continuous basis. Council had to vote on this. Manager would like a pool of residents to select from.
- Climate Action Plan:
  1. The City has not renewed with ICLEI-USA (Local Governments for Sustainability) to use their greenhouse emissions model. Bruce Applegate will check what model Chattanooga is currently using and report to EQAB. Knoxville is using the ICLEI model. EQAB will make a recommendation to Mr. Watson on subscribing to a model to update the CAP.
  2. City needs to replace a major pump and substation at Melton Lake. Mr. Watson would like input from EQAB on cost benefit analysis and ROI analysis. EQAB members asked that public works provide more information.
  3. In order to update the goals specified in the CAP, EQAB will need city staff to collect the appropriate data. Mr. Watson asked that EQAB specify what data needs to be collected and in what format. Bruce Applegate will look at data from

Athanisia Senecal's files. Robert Kennedy volunteered to help define the format of the data needed for future CAP updates.

4. Mr. Watson discussed the possibility of EQAB using an upcoming traffic synchronization study on the Oal Ridge Turnpike to estimate reduction in greenhouse gases

- Mr. Watson thinks a traffic circle at Melton Lake Rd. and Emory Valley Road would be helpful.
- RE: Tree Board role: EQAB is waiting for results from the UT inventory of trees in parks and along right of way and graduate student recommendations in order to develop a tree plan for the city.
- Mr. Watson said he was interested in having EQAB assist the City in commenting on the new waste disposal facility proposed by DOE.
- Mr. Watson discussed the tour of members of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park team throughout the City. There are many possible options of how to do this in conjunction with the other two sites. Members however noted the enthusiastic support of community as a whole was a major plus.
- Discussion of the City's stormwater program: EQAB will ask Pat Fallon for a presentation at the May meeting.
- Mr. Watson said he was told by DOE that the City could operate the Clark Center Park for about \$200,000 annually. DOE could provide this annual funding for a few years. Any operational savings could be used for other infrastructure costs.
- Mr. Kenworthy said that EQAB was interested in giving Environmental Quality Awards annually and will be developing award criteria. Mr. Watson was interested.

#### Manhattan Project National Historical Park planning:

- Ms. Smith gave an overview of the NPS-DOE project team that visited Oak Ridge in March. She noted that part of their work scope for the calendar year 2015 is to develop a general interpretive plan for the new National Park.

#### D. KACB Report:

- Ms. Imperato reported that Earth Day Festival will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Bissell Park from 11 till 4 PM. She asked that EQAB members help staff the specialty recycling collection program.
- March 14: Ms. Imperato, Ms. Kriedelbaugh and Ms. Russell helped (along with ORHS Students) to plant 400 trees at Grove Park in one hour as part of the 50,000 Tree project in TN
- March 21: Ms. Imperato and other members of the community participated in the Melton Lake Shoreline Clean Up in Oak Ridge organized by TVA. TVA representatives estimated 60 tons of material was removed from the shoreline.

#### E. SSAB report

- Ms. Bogard attended a recent SSAB meeting. They are looking for comments on the ETPP Proposed Plan for Final Zone Two Soils Remediation. There will be a public review in a couple of months.

- Mr. Kenworthy asked if any EQAB members wish to make recommendations, let him know.

**F. New Business:**

- City will be making comments on the draft TVA Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Mr. Kenworthy will contact Amy Fitzgerald to see how far they have progressed. City is interested in supporting small nuclear reactors. Mr. Wood agreed to examine the EIS for the IRP.

Adjournment: 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted

*Steph Kenworthy EQAB Chair 5/7/2015*

Pat Imperato, EQAB Sect.

ICLEI = International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives

KACB = Keep Anderson County Beautiful

DOE = U.S Department of Energy

SSAB = Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (DOE)

ORRCA = Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance

TVA = Tennessee Valley Authority