

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2019

6:00 PM

Municipal Building, Conference Room

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm

2. Roll call-

Members Present: Robert Kennedy, William Dean, Wende Doolittle, Darcie Holcomb, Sophia Krusen, Kelley Smith, Sandy Sexton, Staff Representative

Absent: Don Miller, Rebecca Bowman, Atilio Anzellotti, Joel Hewett, Kayla Wyatt

Recognition of visitors-

Visitors: Councilwoman Ellen Smith, and Kathy Olsen-ORLWV. Councilman Jim Dodson joined us later during the meeting.

3. Approval of agenda and last meeting's (June) minutes-defer to August meeting

4. Old business

- Report by Sophie in re: ORHS's recycling program

Opening for a student on the board—need to reach out to get a new member. Lauren Shank- (might be a senior this year) is a possibility. Reach out to Borchers and ask him to nominate someone—2 yr. term—need a rising junior—Sandy will do that.

Might be a possibility to have a display in front of the library at the high school.

- Update/status in re DOE's proposed new nuclear waste dump within city limits ("EMDF") Allegations-- violation of sunshine laws --Randy McNally—handed off to the attorney general to look into also—also passed on to the EPA in Atlanta—Robert will forward the response. violation of ethics-2 pronged. State Senator for Roane County-Ken Yager. And Rep-Kent Kalfee.
- Update in re: Redress for loss of viewshed by Y-12 clearing Pine Ridge for powerline-defer to work session: possibly July 25th.
- New information on shutdown of TVA's 1-GW coal-fired Bull Run Power Plant and Anderson County Response (D. Miller)-defer to August 1st meeting.

TVA is having two public open houses for Bull Run area communities on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at the YWCA in Oak Ridge and on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at Claxton Elementary School. Gray Dean stated that he would attend the one on Tuesday night.

- Generalized citywide tree-preservation policy-Gray's letter—would like to work with City to develop some pro-active policies.

Robert is having lunch with Margaret Elgin to discuss transmission line issues. Underground vs. aboveground lines.

Robert suggested moving the "ask" to the top of the letter and the board spent time making suggestions for revisions to make the letter easier for the general public to understand. Possibly move to use a "bullet" format.

- i. The Bradford Pears and their invasive kin—state has restrictions on selling noxious weeds—it would be interesting to see their reaction to asking to have the Bradford Pear listed as a noxious weed. Develop a letter to request this?

- Status in re: Letter to the editor regarding balloon releases-tabled since graduation has already passed and Kayla is busy with family.

5. New business

- Recommendations from EQAB to Council in re: stronger energy efficiency measures by the Energy-Efficient Codes Coalition (EECC) to be placed in the International Energy-Efficiency Code, one of the various International Building Codes maintained by the International Codes Council (ICC).

International code activities—the City used to be more active under the previous head of the codes department. Voting on 2021 code is going to be in November. IF you are interested in making your buildings more comfortable, efficient, then adopt codes to do that, however they don't want to make their city more stringent than the city next door. They claim that the codes are cost neutral when all costs are considered. Mayors and City councils should participate in the next round of voting in support of the CAP adopted back in 2010. Relates to the community goal which has been one of the harder ones to achieve. EQAB could be making a recommendation in furtherance of the CAP—draft a recommendation to City Council and ask them to take a position. This needs to be done in a very short time frame. Ellen has spoken to Wayne Blasius about this issue.

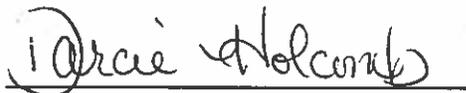
Wendy moved that EQAB go forward in drafting a resolution for City Council to approve to participate in the IEC voting process which will take place in November 2019 for the 2021 International Building Code and endorse the adoption of ambitious energy efficiency standards in the 2021 International Building Code.

Darcie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jim Dodson thanked the board for considering the Dogwood Arts trail. Jim Rushton and the HOA—Kelley wants to work with them to submit the application for the trail. Repainting the trail would be an easy first step.

6. Adjourn 7:31

Approved on 8/1/2019



Darcie Holcomb, Secretary