

# APPROVED

## Environmental Quality Advisory Board Minutes

DATE: January 6, 2011

PLACE: Municipal Building Training Room

PRESENT: Jimmy Groton, Fred Stephens, Pat Fain, Pat Imperato, Dave Weston, Chuck Agle, Leslie Argon, Athanasia Senecal – Staff Representative

ABSENT: Boyd Carter, Austin Morgan, Ben Terpstra, Robert Kennedy

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mr. Groton. Attendance was taken as well as recognition of visitors: Lou Arnold (League of Women Voters), Ellen Smith (City Council), Jack Suggs (Electric Department Director)

Mr. Agle made a motion to approve the December 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes and the motion was seconded by Leslie Argon. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Mr. Groton announced that Jeff Christian will give a tour of the energy efficient homes at Wolf Creek on Saturday January 8, 2011 at 8:30am.

Mr. Groton shared a letter the City Manager wrote to him in response to EQAB's proposed work plan; the letter directs EQAB to continue working on the Climate Action Plan

Mr. Groton shared newspaper articles involving tree cutting in greenbelts

Mr. Groton also shared a letter the City sent out to residents advising that tree cutting in greenbelts is illegal. Mr. Stephens made a motion to submit a letter to the City Manager asking staff to broaden the scope of the letter to include all trees and the highest value for restitution. Ms. Imperato seconded the motion; the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

There were not action items for follow-up

A presentation was given by Ameresco, an energy services contractor. The presentation focused on the energy services work Ameresco is currently doing for the City of Knoxville. Representatives Jack Bosch, Vice-President, John Plack, P.E., Director of Development, Mike Saylor, Lead Developer and Jusbyn Lockard, Project Manager provided an overview of the energy services contracting process; energy reduction measures were also explored.

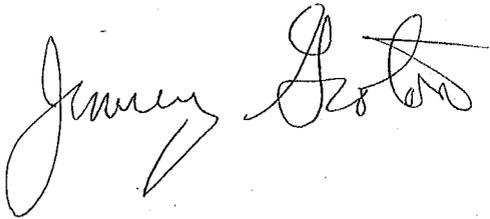
There was not a report from the high school students.

There was not a report on DOE-related matters

Ms. Senecal (Staff) briefed the board on the revised procedure for agendas and meeting minutes; agendas will be approved by Kathryn Baldwin and sent out by Athanasia. Meeting minutes will be recorded by Ms. Senecal

Ms. Imperato gave a report on Keep Anderson County Beautiful; Ms. Imperato provided an update on the status of Earth Day Festival and is recruiting volunteers. Earth day is April 30<sup>th</sup> and this year's theme is "Erase your Trace." The deadline to sign up as a sponsor is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Imperato made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Agle and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Agle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".