APPROVED

Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Minutes

DATE: March 3, 2011

PLACE: Municipal Building Training Room

PRESENT: Jimmy Groton, Fred Stephens, Pat Fain, Pat Imperato, Dave Weston, Chuck Agle, Leslie Agron, Boyd Carter, Robert Kennedy, David Page – DOE Representative, Athanasia Senecal – Staff Representative

ABSENT: Austin Morgan, Ben Terpstra

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mr. Groton. Attendance was taken as well as recognition of visitors: City Manager, Mark Watson, Deputy Fire Chief, Darryl Kerley, City Council, Ellen Smith, League of Women Voters, Lou Arnold, and Joseph Lee

Mr. Groton made a motion to amend the agenda by moving the speakers to the front of the agenda; Boyd Carter seconded the motion.

Mr. Watson discussed the letter he sent to EQAB regarding the comprehensive energy audit that the board recommended. At this time, the city will explore energy efficiency options at the four fire stations.

Chief Kerley discussed the greening opportunities they are exploring at the fire stations. A summary of the opportunities at fire station 2 was distributed. Fire station 3 needs a new heat/air system; the Fire department is negotiating upgrades at Fire station 3 with DOE.

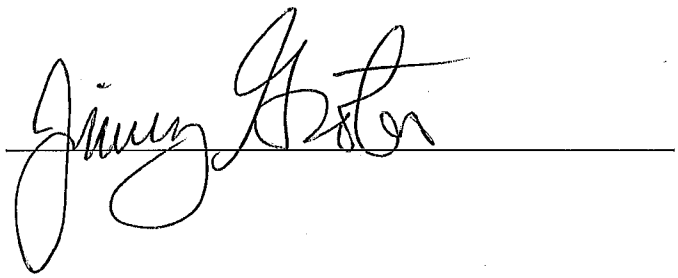
Mr. Groton made a motion to approve the February minutes and the motion was seconded by Robert Kennedy. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Mr. Groton reviewed the communications and announcements listed on the agenda. He reported that the next BZA meeting is March 8th. The LOC Citizens' Advisory Panel Meeting Packet for February 8, 2011 was passed around. The annual observance of Arbor Day is March 4th.

Mr. Groton summarized an email sent to him by the high school representatives. Mr. Groton will meet next Tuesday with school administrators to discuss the wetlands project and the stream.

Mr. Page reported that he checked with the NEPA Compliance office to see if there was anything new to report and there is not.

Ms. Senecal (Staff) reported that the city will be working with the EPA on a Smart Growth Technical Assistance opportunity. The city submitted an "Our Town" grant to the National Endowment for the Arts. The Bicycle and Pedestrian plan will be presented to City Council in April. The city needs volunteers for the Cedar Hill Playground project.

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 30th and this year's theme is "Erase your Trace." The deadline to sign up as a sponsor is February 1st. Ms. Imperato will register EQAB for a booth.

Mr. Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.