APPROVED

Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Minutes

DATE: February 3, 2011

PLACE: Municipal Building Training Room

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

ABSENT: Boyd Carter, 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: Kathy Olsen, League of Women Voters; Amy Taylor, Peritus PR Firm

Ms. Fain made a motion to amend the agenda to add discussion of the "Not in Our Town" campaign and the items as they pertain to the Tree Board, i.e. EQAB; Mr. Agron seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Ms. Imperato made a motion to approve the February 3rd minutes as submitted and the motion was seconded by Leslie Agron. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Mr. Groton passed around the DOE Public Involvement Newsletter and the DOE Cleanup Progress Report.

There was no presentation scheduled

Mr. Morgan reported that the high school environmental club met for the first time; Ben Terpstra talked about the possibility of having solar panels at the high school or civic center/library. Mr. Austin is going to have a follow-up meeting with his teacher.

Ms. Senecal reported that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is being finalized. She also gave an update on the status of the energy audit since last month's presentation.

There was no Planning Commission report

For action items, Ms. Fain and Mr. Groton reported that they will work separately on the board's by-laws. Ms. Fain requested that an action item be

added to review and add input on a landscaping ordinance to allow natural carbon gardens, and/or consider options for native plant growth. Mr. Weston said he would check with Mr. Agle about the possibility of an ad hoc subcommittee with the Planning Commission.

Ms. Fain discussed the article in the paper about the Not in Our Town campaign; she suggested that the board ask Mr. Agle about what policies are required to form an Ad hoc working committee with the Planning Commission so the group can discuss housing issues with regard to environmental matters.

Ms. Imperato discussed her conversations with various parties about having a tree plan for the city; she reported that there are three Rotary grants for roadscape improvements. Ms. Imperato made a motion to allow EQAB to be a partner of Keep Anderson County Beautiful and Oak Ridge Rotaries to require a tree plan for beautification. Mr. Agron seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved the motion. Ms. Imperato will draft a letter on KACB letterhead.

Ms. Imperato gave a report on Keep Anderson County Beautiful activities; KACB is sponsoring the Great American Cleanup from March 1st through May 31st.

Ms. Imperato provided an update on the Earth Day festival, which is April 30th. This year's theme is "erase your trace". KACB has designated one area to collect unused electronics to be recycled; items include, but are not limited to, batteries, cell phones, small electronics, compact florescent light bulbs.

Another area has been designated for shoe collection; sneakers and other shoes will be collected and sent to homeless people, as well as people in third world countries.

A third area has been designated for collection of unused or expired medicine.

Mr. Groton made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Stephens and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

David Weston