

APPROVED

Environmental Quality Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes April 4, 2013

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Oak Ridge Environmental Quality Advisory Board was held in the Training Room of the Municipal Building, Oak Ridge, TN on April 4, 2013. The meeting convened at 7:12 p.m. with Steve Kenworthy, Chairman, presiding.

Members in attendance: Pat Fain, Robert Kennedy, Pat Imperato, Steve Kenworthy, Sylvia Milanez, Jim Placke, Paige Russell, Aditya Savara, Ellen Smith, Athanasia Senecal Lewis – Staff Representative

Members not in attendance: Chuck Agle, Elijah Fetzer (excused), Stephanie Paul (excused)

Visitors/Others: Connie Smith, League of Women Voters

Approval of the agenda: A motion was made by Mr. Placke and seconded by Mr. Savara to approve the agenda; the motion carried.

Communications/Announcements: Ms. Lewis distributed a letter from Mr. Watson inviting the EQAB Chairman or his designee to attend the next Extreme Energy Makeover committee meeting. Mr. Kenworthy said he would unlikely be able to attend; Ms. Fain agreed to attend in his place.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Ms. Milanez to approve the March 7, 2013 minutes; motion carried.

Presentation: Gary Cinder, the City's Public Works Director, and Doug McGill from Waste Connections spoke to EQAB about proposed changes to the RecycleBank Rewards Program. RecycleBank is replacing their individual rewards program with a community-based program. Staff is recommending to Council that the City continue the single stream recycling program but drop the Incentive Program. This change could offset the pending increase in waste collection fees resulting from an-increased- a reassessment of the number of households receiving services.

Motion: Ms. Smith made a motion to submit a recommendation to City Council that the City continue the recycling program, but accept the staff recommendations to drop the RecycleBank incentive program, and explore other methods to promote recycling. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fain, and it passed. Mr. Savara, Mr. Placke and Mr. Kennedy voted against the motion.

Reports:

High School: No report

Staff Report: No report

Planning Commission Report: No report (Planning Commission representative absent)

EQAB Committees/Working Groups: The Green Infrastructure Working Group will meet later this month. The Climate Action Plan Working Group will also meet later this month.

Reports on other COR Boards and Commissions:

Ms. Smith shared notes from the Recreation and Parks Board meeting.

Ms. Milanez shared materials from the Board of Building and Housing Code Appeals meeting.

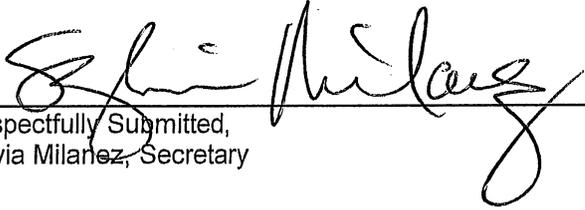
Keep Anderson County Beautiful: Ms. Imperato reported that Earth Day 2013 is April 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and she requested that EQAB help with the Erase Your Trace event. EQAB plans to celebrate the former EQAB Chair's many years of service on Earth Day 2013.

Citizens Oversight Panel (COP): No report, but Mr. Kenworthy noted that there is a process underway to change the procedure for handling leachate from the Environmental Management Waste Management Facility (EMWMF) on the OR Reservation. DOE wants to discharge leachate directly to Bear Creek if it meets quality standards rather than transferring all leachate to a treatment plant. EPA has suggested that this change will require an Explanation of Significant Differences for the DOE Record of Decision authorizing the EMWMF.

Unfinished Business:

Report on Horizon Center Utilities Meeting held on March 27th. Ms. Smith and Mr. Kennedy reported that the meeting among DOE and several representatives of state and federal natural resource management agencies and other interested parties was productive. Several people noted the potential impact of the proposed power line on the recreational and ecological value of the Black Oak Conservation Easement and the natural areas within the Horizon Center, and commented on the lack of consideration given to this issue by the DOE in its analysis of the power line easement across the natural areas. The meeting resulted in a commitment by DOE to convene an advisory/working group on the issue of infrastructure improvements to the Horizon Center.

Ms. Fain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m., seconded by Ms. Smith; motion carried.



Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia Milanez, Secretary