

**Environmental Quality Advisory Board**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 1, 2013

**A. 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 August 1, 2013. The meeting convened at 7:05 p.m. with Steve Kenworthy, Chairman, presiding.

**Members in attendance:** Pat Fain, Pat Imperato, Robert Kennedy, Steve Kenworthy, Sylvia Milanez, Stephanie Paul, Aditya Savara, Ellen Smith; Athanasia Senecal Lewis – Staff Representative

**Members not in attendance:** Paige Russell (excused), Chuck Agle (excused), Jim Placke (excused), Aditya Chourey (excused)

**Visitors/Others:** Dr. Borchers, Oak Ridge Schools Superintendent

**Approval of the agenda:** A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Ms. Smith to approve the agenda; the motion carried.

**D. Presentation:** Oak Ridge Schools Superintendent Dr. Borchers met with EQAB and talked about the Climate Action Plan (CAP) and energy efficiency measures that might be pursued by the Oak Ridge Schools. EQAB discussed third party financing strategies and the potential for energy efficiency upgrades as appropriate. In addition, EQAB would like to establish a closer working relationship with the schools on sustainability-related issues.

**B. Approval of minutes:** A motion to approve the revised minutes was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Kenworthy; motion carried. A couple of minor text edits were made; there were no substantive changes.

**C. Communications/Announcements:** Mr. Kenworthy reported on the July 18<sup>th</sup> EQAB work session. He reported on the information presented by the City Manager at their work session meeting, and the Board had a lengthy discussion on the protocol for communicating between meetings. The Board also discussed involving DOE in dialog pertaining to institutional controls and environmental stewardship. EQAB acknowledged receipt of the letter from the City Attorney.

With regard to DOE issues and the 2<sup>nd</sup> CERCLA disposal cell, the Board briefly discussed providing an analysis of environmental issues in the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study and the intangible impacts on community of having the landfill.

Mr. Savara made a motion to send a letter to the City Manager communicating the Board's regret about the public relations debacle that was caused as a result of an email that was inadvertently disseminated by Chuck Agle to the press prior to a work session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and the motion carried.

**E. Reports:**

**High School:** Ms. Paul reported that the Environmental Club will hold their first meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The club has started recruiting members for the school year. Three posters about the club are being displayed at the high school.

**Staff Report:** Ms. Lewis reported that the Oak Ridge Sustainability Team participating in the Valley Sustainable Communities program met with TVA and Boyette Strategic Advisors (BSA) to review a list of sustainability initiatives/activities being carried out in Oak Ridge. The consultants are in the process of reviewing notes from their visit, and a follow-up call has been scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>. Next steps will be discussed on the August 19<sup>th</sup> call.

**Planning Commission Report:** No report

**EQAB Committees/Working Groups:** The Green Infrastructure Committee did not meet this month, but they plan to meet in September.

**F. Reports on other organizations:**

**Keep Anderson County Beautiful:** No report

**Citizens Oversight Panel (COP):** The COP submitted a proposal to the community involvement fund, for a \$25,000.00 grant for education and outreach on DOE environmental issues. The grant covers seven counties in the region.

**G. Unfinished Business:**

**TVA Extreme Energy Makeover Proposal:** Mr. Kenworthy reported that Jeff Christian presented info on modeling of a house at 113 Lansing Rd. at the July 18<sup>th</sup> work session. For less than \$10k, one can get more than 50% energy reduction. For \$15-18k, one can have a zero energy home. The Steering committee will meet in a couple of weeks to discuss the proposal further.

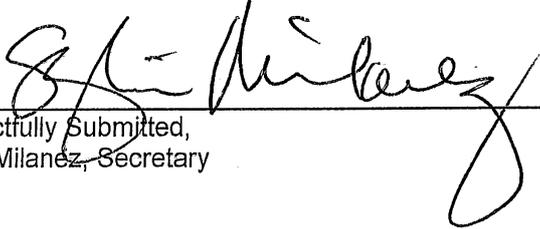
**The Climate Action Plan:** No report

**Natural Lawns:** The board agreed to discuss this topic further at the next work session.

**H. New business:**

**Recycling in Apartments:** Mr. Savara discussed proposing that recycling be required in apartments. He researched what other communities are doing and suggested reviewing State legal requirements as well.

**I. Adjournment:** Mr. Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Ms. Fain; motion carried.

  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Sylvia Milanéz, Secretary