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## Environmental Quality Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes December 5, 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 December 5, 2013. The meeting convened at 7:05 p.m. with Steve Kenworthy, Chairman, presiding.

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

**Members not in attendance:**, Pat Fain, Chuck Agle, Jim Placke, Stephanie Paul

**Visitors/Others:** Kathy Olsen, League of Women Voters

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

**B. Presentation:** Mr. Kenworthy provided an update on the Climate Action Plan Progress Report. Most of the data has been collected, and the report is nearing completion. Recommendations for the report will be discussed further at the January work session.

**C. Approval of minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2013 as amended was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Mr. Savara; motion carried.

**D. Communications/Announcements:** None

### **E. Reports:**

**High School:** Ms. Russell reported that recycling committee at the high school has met a couple of times and is painting boxes for recycling in the cafeteria.

**Staff Report:** Ms. Lewis reported that the City received the Sustainable Communities award for its platinum-level designation. The award is made of recycled glass and is located in the City Manager's office.

**Planning Commission Report:** No report

**F. Unfinished Business:** Mr. Kenworthy reported that he spoke with the City Manager about proposed changes to the by-laws. Discussion involved having one voting high school member and one member to vote in the other student's absence.

Ms. Imperato reported that an application was not submitted for the Riparian Planting grant. She spoke with the Recreation and Parks Department and said there are not specific locations for the plantings.

### **External Reports:**

**Keep Anderson County Beautiful:** No report

**Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB):** Mr. Kenworthy reported that the SSAB is reviewing the Groundwater Strategy report and are ranking projects.

**Oak Ridge Reservation Alliance:** No report

**Citizens' Oversight Panel (COP):** No report

**G. New business:** The board discussed cosponsoring a sustainability lecture with TCWP in spring 2014. Mr. Savara made a motion to cosponsor the lecture by Dodd Galbreath. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and the motion carried.

**H. Adjournment:** Mr. Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Ms. Smith; motion carried.

*Steph Kennedy, Chair*

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Respectfully Submitted, Sylvia Milanez, Secretary