

# A P P R O V E D

## Environmental Quality Advisory Board

Regular Meeting

January 3, 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 January 3, 2013. The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. with Robert Kennedy, Vice Chairman, presiding.

**Members in attendance:** Chuck Agle, Pat Fain, Elijah Fetzer, Pat Imperato, Robert Kennedy, Steve Kenworthy, Sylvia Milanez, Stephanie Paul, Jim Placke, Paige Russell, Aditya Savara, Ellen Smith, Athanasia Senecal Lewis – Staff Representative.

**Members not in attendance:** None

**Visitors/Others:** Kathy Olsen, League of Women Voters; Connie Smith, League of Women Voters; Doug Colclasure, resident.

**Approval of the agenda:** A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Fain to amend the agenda by making introductions before the election of officers; the motion carried. A motion to approve the agenda, as amended, was made by Ms. Imperato and seconded by Mr. Kennedy; motion carried.

**Elections:** Officer elections were held and Steve Kenworthy was elected Chairman; Robert Kennedy was elected Vice Chairman, and Sylvia Milanez was elected Secretary.

**Communications/Announcements:** Ms. Smith announced that Larry Kelly, manager of the U.S. Department of Energy Oak Ridge Office, will be the featured speaker on Thursday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Wildcat Den. He will be discussing resources on the Oak Ridge Reservation.

**Approval of minutes:** A couple of edits were made prior to approving the December 6, 2012 minutes.

Two corrections:

The December minutes specified that the proposed extension of the 69-kV transmission line at Horizon Center would be 2 miles long, and the proposed extension would actually be 1 ½ miles.

Under the Citizens Oversight Committee Report, the December minutes stated that an Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for an independent analysis of the Department of Energy (DOE) feasibility study, and the minutes should read that the RFP will be issued.

A motion was made by Ms. Imperato and seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve the amended minutes.

**Presentation:** No presentation

### Reports:

**High School:** Ms. Paul reported that the Oak Ridge Environmental Club will be partnering with Keep Anderson County Beautiful (KACB) on community events.

**Staff Report:** Ms. Lewis distributed a draft of the annual report for EQAB. She also reported that the City did not receive the grant for community gardens.

**Planning Commission Report:** Mr. Agle reported that Planning Commission approved a landscape alternative plan for the Pizza Inn site.

**Green Infrastructure Committee:** Ms. Fain discussed prioritizing goals for the year. The Board will prioritize their goals at a work session later this month.

**Keep Anderson County Beautiful:** Ms. Imperato reported that Earth Day 2013 is April 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

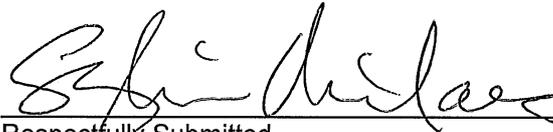
**Unfinished Business:** Both the Climate Action Plan (CAP) and the Board's annual report were discussed earlier.

**New Business:** The expansion of the Horizon Center utility line (from parcel 5 to parcel 6) was discussed. There will be an update from the City Manager and the Electric Department Director at the Industrial Development Board (IDB) meeting on Monday, January 8, 2013.

The Board discussed the process for making requests and/or suggestions to the Manager or Council and agreed that written memos were appropriate.

Ms. Lewis communicated that the City would like a few volunteers from the Board to complete a cost/benefit analysis on the socio-economic impacts of the new Department of Energy (DOE) waste facility. Further instructions will be provided.

Ms. Imperato made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Ms. Fain; motion carried.



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Respectfully Submitted,  
Sylvia Milanez, Secretary