

Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 6, 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 June 6, 2013. The meeting convened at 7:05 p.m. with Steve Kenworthy, Chairman, presiding.

Members in attendance: Chuck Agle, Pat Fain, Aditya Chourey, Pat Imperato, Robert Kennedy, Steve Kenworthy, Paige Russell, Jim Placke, Ellen Smith; Athanasia Senecal Lewis – Staff Representative

Members not in attendance: Sylvia Milanez (excused), Stephanie Paul (excused), Aditya Savara (excused)

Visitors/Others: Mark Watson, City Manager, Candice Brogan, staff

Approval of the agenda: A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Kennedy to amend and approve the agenda by moving the presentation ahead of items B and C; the motion carried.

D. Presentation: City Manager Mark Watson gave a presentation on Denmark's progressive recycling model. The Denmark model is 'extreme' in some ways because recycling is required by all citizens. Full service recycling centers are centrally located in convenient areas for residential use. Several bins are provided and a variety of materials are collected. Materials are crushed and/or compacted on-site, and hazardous materials are accepted weekly. Landscaped materials are also recycled. **Presentation was heard before items B and C.*

B. Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Imperato to approve the May 2, 2013 minutes as amended; motion carried. The amendment clarifies that the person who made the motion to join TREEDC at last month's meeting and the person who seconded the motion voted in favor of it.

C. Communications/Announcements: Communications were discussed later in the agenda.

E. Reports:

High School: Mr. Chourey introduced himself and observed his first meeting.

Staff Report: Ms. Lewis reported that the TVA Valley Sustainable Communities team had a conference call to introduce one another and brainstorm ideas prior to a site visit from TVA and their team of consultants.

Planning Commission Report: Mr. Agle reported that the Planning Commission would be discussing clarifications to the City's ordinance with regard to Electronic Reader Board Signs at their June 13th meeting.

Motion:

Ms. Fain made a motion to submit a letter to Council expressing concerns about safety issues when roadside signs are moving and flashing. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith and all members present voted in favor of this motion; motion carried.

EQAB Committees/Working Groups: The Green Infrastructure Committee met and prioritized activities on their task matrix. Ms. Fain reported that the Green Infrastructure Working Group is going to focus on one project at a time, starting with the TVA Extreme Energy Makeover project.

F. Reports on other organizations:

Keep Anderson County Beautiful: No report.

Citizens Oversight Panel (COP): No report.

G. Unfinished Business:

Ordinance/By-laws: During the May 2nd meeting the EQAB made a motion to recommend the revised changes to the ordinance establishing the board.

Ms. Fain made a motion to recommend that section 2.207 of the ordinance establishing EQAB be rewritten to remove redundancies and ambiguities.

§2-207. Meetings; quorum.

A legal quorum of the board shall be considered the lesser of the majority of full votes or majority of seats currently duly occupied. The quorum is based on 11 votes if all twelve members are present. The board shall hold public meetings at such regular intervals and places as it may designate. Six (6) members A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum. For purposes of a quorum, the student members count as only one member because they share one vote and cannot vote separately. For clarification purposes, if one or both student members are present at a meeting, five other members must be present for there to be a quorum of the board. All actions shall require the concurring vote of a majority of the members present at a duly constituted meeting, with the student members again counting as only one member for the purposes of calculating a majority vote. For example, if eight members are present at a meeting, including both student members, a majority for voting purposes is four instead of five because the students only count as one regardless of whether one or both are present at the meeting and regardless of whether or not there is a consensus for the student members' vote.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Placke; the motion failed. Ms. Fain, Mr. Placke, Mr. Kenworthy, and Mr. Agle voted Aye. Ms. Smith and Mr. Kennedy voted Nay. Abstaining were Mr. Chourey, Ms. Imperato, Ms. Russell.

Motion: Mr. Kenworthy made a motion to recommend striking the following sentence in section 2.203 of the Ordinance:

§2-203. Terms of members.

Of the members first appointed to the board, four (4) shall serve until September 30, 1974; three (3) until September 30, 1975; and three (3) until September 30, 1976. Thereafter all appointments to the board, with the exception of the high school student members, shall be for terms of three (3) years and all terms shall commence on October 1. The high school student members of the board shall serve two-year terms of office. Of the students first appointed after the adoption of this amendment, one (1) shall serve until May 31, 1999, and one shall serve until May 31, 2000. Thereafter, all appointments of high school student members shall be for two years and all terms shall commence on June 1. If a successor has not been named at the expiration of a member's term, the member shall continue to serve until his or her successor is appointed. ~~Whenever a vacancy occurs, an appointment shall be made for the remainder of the unexpired term.~~ In no case shall the planning commission member serve when his or her term upon the planning commission has expired. In such a case, the planning commission shall nominate to city council a member of the board who shall

upon appointment serve the remaining portion of the term of the planning commission member of this board.

"Whenever a vacancy occurs, an appointment shall be made for the remainder of the unexpired term." The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and all present voted aye; motion carried.

Mr. Kenworthy made a motion to amend the by-laws by recommending the following changes to section III Meetings:

Edits to the text in paragraph D to include that members of the public may participate in ad hoc working groups.

III. Meetings.

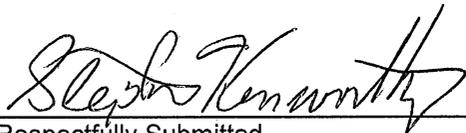
D. The Board may form ad hoc working groups to meet for a designated project. The ad hoc working group may include members of the public.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and everyone all present voted aye; motion carried.

The Climate Action Plan was covered in earlier staff and committee reports.

H. New business: The July meeting has been scheduled on July 11th since the regular meeting date falls on a City holiday. Mr. Kenworthy will schedule a June work session at a later date.

I. Adjournment: Ms. Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kennedy; motion carried.



Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia Milanez, Secretary