

Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
March 7, 2013

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Oak Ridge Environmental Quality Advisory Board was held in the City Manager's Conference Room, Oak Ridge, TN on March 7, 2013. The meeting convened at 7:05 p.m. with Steve Kenworthy, Chairman, presiding.

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

Members not in attendance: Pat Fain (excused), Jim Placke (excused), Paige Russell (excused)

Visitors/Others: Kathy Olsen, League of Women Voters

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

Communications/Announcements: A letter from the City Manager acknowledging and supporting EQAB's request to receive agendas and minutes from four boards was distributed. The four boards are: the Recreation and Parks Board, the Industrial Development Board, the Board of Building and Housing Code Appeals, and the Planning Commission.

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

Presentation: No presentation

Reports:

High School: Ms. Paul reported that the Environmental Club participated in the Oak Ridge Cedar Barren Work Day sponsored by Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning.

Staff Report: Ms. Lewis reported that there will be a BZA Hearing on March 12, 2013 to discuss the proposed radiological laundry facility. She also reported that the City plans to submit an application for the TVA Valley Sustainable Communities Program.

Motion(s): Mr. Kennedy made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Savara to support staff's recommendation to deny a special exception to operate a radiological laundry facility at the proposed location and a variance to waive the requirement for a fence and allow the use to be located within 1500 feet of any residential property. Ms. Smith agreed to send written communication to this effect.

Planning Commission Report: Mr. Agle reported that there would be a Policy Work Session March 14, 2013 to clarify the City's ordinance with regard to electronic reader board signs (Moving Copy Signs).

Green Infrastructure Committee: Ms. Smith provided an update on the Green Infrastructure Committee meeting held on February 25, 2013. They discussed energy efficiency at the high school, promoting the TVA Green Power Switch Program and recycling at apartments. Ms. Smith reported that Ms. Fain will provide more in-depth notes to EQAB.

Robert Kennedy reported that a contact, Owen Ivy, could provide assistance with compressed natural gas powered municipal vehicle fleets, and that there is an ongoing energy audit and retrofit at the American Museum of Science and Energy. Ms. Smith suggested that the AMSE retrofit could be a candidate for an EQAB award. The Board will try to schedule a presentation on salvaging recyclable materials – in particular lessons learned by the Kroger development.

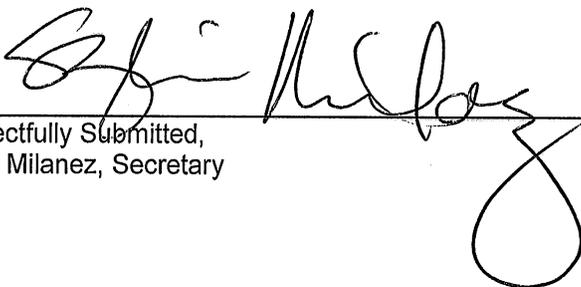
Keep Anderson County Beautiful: Ms. Imperato reported that Earth Day 2013 is April 27th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. She mentioned that KACB needs help finding drop-off locations for shoes for the Soles4Souls collection, and people to help with the Erase Your Trace electronics recycling event.

Citizens Oversight Panel (COP): No report

Unfinished Business: Items pertaining to the Climate Action Plan (CAP) were discussed under the GI Committee report.

New Business: Nothing new to report

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Milanez', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia Milanez, Secretary