

A P P R O V E D

Environmental Quality Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes May 2, 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 May 2, 2013. The meeting convened at 7:07 p.m. with Robert Kennedy, Vice Chairman, presiding.

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

Members not in attendance: Pat Fain (excused), Jim Placke (excused), Steve Kenworthy (excused)

Visitors/Others: Kathy Olsen, League of Women Voters, Olin Ivey, presenter

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

D. Presentation: Olin Ivey from the Tennessee Renewable Energy and Economic Council (TREEDC) gave a presentation on their new energy program. This program allows TREEDC to serve as a lender for municipalities interested in investing in energy efficiency upgrades. The low interest loan is paid back from the borrower's energy savings at an estimated 1.75% interest rate.

**Presentation was heard before items B and C.*

The fee for a city to be a member of TREEDC is \$100 per year; one does not have to be a member to participate in the energy program.

B. Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Imperato to approve the April 4, 2013 minutes as amended; motion carried.

Corrections: The April 4th unapproved minutes were corrected to reflect the correct date of the board's previous meeting. There was also a text change under the description of last month's presentation to replace the word "increased" with the word "reassessment." The sentence now states that "This change could offset the pending increase in waste collection fees resulting from a reassessment of the number of households receiving services."

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

Motion: Ms. Milanez made a motion requesting the City join TREEDC; the motion was seconded by Ms. Smith. Ms. Imperato, Mr. Agle and Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Milanez, and Ms. Smith voted in favor of the motion; Mr. Savara and Ms. Russell voted against it; the motion carried.

E. Reports:

High School: Ms. Paul reported that membership is low in the Environmental Club and activities are limited as a result.

Staff Report: Ms. Lewis reported that the City received an award to participate in the TVA Valley Sustainable Communities Certification Program. She also reported that the City's "Extreme Energy Makeover" committee had met. TVA has not yet issued a request for proposals for this program.

Planning Commission Report: Mr. Agle reported on the electronic sign proposal being considered by the Planning Commission.

EQAB Committees/Working Groups:

The Green Infrastructure Working Group met on April 23, 2013. The group is focusing on codes, education for the Green Power Switch, green vehicles, and the TVA Extreme Energy Makeover.

F. Reports on other organizations:

Keep Anderson County Beautiful: Ms. Imperato reported that Earth Day 2013 collected approximately 7,500 pairs of shoes and about 100 people participated in the Erase Your Trace event. The next electronics recycling event will be held on November 9th.

Citizens Oversight Panel (COP): No report.

G. Unfinished Business:

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

Proposed DOE Waste Facility:

The board briefly discussed the proposed DOE waste facility. This topic will be explored further at a work session.

The TVA Extreme Energy Makeover:

This topic was covered earlier as part of the staff report.

Ordinance/By-laws:

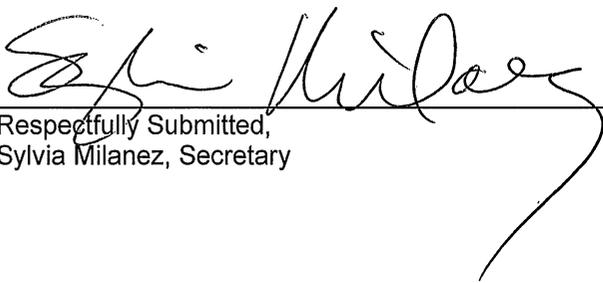
The board discussed a staff draft of proposed revisions to the EQAB ordinance and by-laws. The topics explored in discussion included defining a quorum, determining the number of students and length of term for the high school representatives, and whether to submit an annual written report to Council. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the revisions to the ordinance establishing EQAB, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Russell; the motion carried.

The by-laws will be discussed further at an upcoming work session.

Any changes to the ordinance and by-laws will need to be adopted by City Council.

H. New business. Material on the topic of natural lawns was distributed. The topic will be discussed further at an upcoming work session.

I. Adjournment: Mr. Agle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 p.m., seconded by Ms. Russell; motion carried.


Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia Milanez, Secretary