

APPROVED

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

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

Members not in attendance: Pat Imperato (excused), Aditya Savara (excused)

Visitors/Others: Kathy Olsen, League of Women Voters

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

D. Presentation: None scheduled

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

C. Communications/Announcements: The Board reviewed the communications in the packet. Ms. Russell provided information about education and training opportunities during Safety Fest in Oak Ridge, September 9-13.

E. Reports:

High School: Ms. Paul reported that approximately twenty students joined the Environmental Club, which is a substantial increase from last year. The club is planning a hike at the arboretum on September 14th. The club also plans to coordinate activities with Jefferson Middle School.

Staff Report: Ms. Lewis reported that the City's level of certification in the Valley Sustainable Communities program will be announced next week.

Planning Commission Report: Mr. Agle reported that the Planning Commission reviewed a plat for the new Universalist Church. Ms. Smith mentioned the IDB special-called meeting on September 26th for the public meeting on tax incremental financing for revitalization of the mall.

EQAB Committees/Working Groups: The Green Infrastructure Committee did not meet this month.

F. Reports on other organizations:

Keep Anderson County Beautiful: No report

Citizens Oversight Panel (COP): No report

Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB): Ms. Smith reported that the environmental management and stewardship subcommittees are merging and they are working on a schedule of work for the year. The September 11th meeting will feature a presentation on long-term stewardship.

G. Unfinished Business:

TVA Extreme Energy Makeover Proposal: Mr. Kenworthy reported that the steering committee met on August 13th to discuss a process for moving forward. EQAB is asked to do two things: 1. Define a qualification process for participants and 2. Evaluate human behaviors with regard to energy efficiency upgrades. TVA is in the process of hiring a team of planners to develop the RFP for program guidelines.

The Climate Action Plan: Mr. Kenworthy reported that he and Ms. Lewis are working on a progress report structure and data collection for the CAP and will have something to review at the next meeting.

Natural Lawns: The board reviewed the handout that Ms. Smith prepared regarding section 302 of the Property Maintenance Code. EQAB requested that a section on natural lawns be included in the Oak Ridge Property Maintenance Code.

H. New business:

Recycling in Apartments: The Board discussed recycling in apartments and debated about the possibility of requiring recycling or providing incentives. The topic will be discussed further at the September 19th work session.

Proposal for green design for sewer equalization tanks: Mr. Kenworthy discussed providing a recommendation regarding the equalization tanks. Ms. Smith made a motion to send a letter to the City Manager and City Council prior to the upcoming Monday night meeting recommending that the design of the retaining basins should be such that it would be possible to put solar panels on the roof at some point in the future. Mr. Kennedy will calculate potential energy generated by the solar panels if they were put on top and this data will be included in the letter. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

I. Adjournment: Ms. Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kenworthy; motion carried.



Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia Milanez, Secretary