

APPROVED

Environmental Quality Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes April 3, 2014

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 April 3, 2014. The meeting convened at 7:03 p.m. with Steve Kenworthy, Chairman, presiding.

Members in attendance: Aditya Chourey, Pat Imperato, Steve Kenworthy, Donna Kridelbaugh, Sylvia Milanez, Stephanie Paul, Paige Russell, Robert Kennedy, Aditya Savara, Ellen Smith, Joe Wood; Athanasia Senecal Lewis – Staff Representative

Members not in attendance:

Visitors/Others: Chloe Ashley, TDEC intern

Approval of the agenda: A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Ms. Smith to approve the agenda as amended; the motion carried.

Amendments to the agenda are:

1. Add recycling bins in parks to new business.
2. Add tree board duties to staff report.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Ms. Milanez to approve the minutes as amended; motion carried.

B. High School Representatives Report (Stephanie Paul, Aditya Chourey): Ms. Paul reported that there will be a shoe drive at the high school beginning on April 9th until the end of the month. Mr. Chourey reported that the freshman Biology honors students are gardening on site.

C. Unfinished Business:

1. **The Climate Action Plan Progress Report:** Mr. Kenworthy distributed an updated version of the CAP Progress Report for review and discussion. There was discussion about the differences in TVA and eGRID data for the CAP Progress Report. The Board agreed to use the eGRID setting for the Southeastern region in the CACP model for this report (eGRID) since the setting accounts for changes in fuel mix. There was also discussion about replacing footnotes with endnotes for further explanation. Text changes were discussed, as well and the recommendations section was renamed opportunities. The report will be discussed further at the upcoming work session.

2. CSX:

Ms. Smith provided notes that include background information and observations during the EQAB review of the trail. The initial inspection was done on March 15th. EQAB volunteers were unable to determine which sections of the rail bed were removed and replaced. The rail car, switching equipment, railroad ties and other pieces of railroad equip are environmental hazards, and CSX should be asked to take responsibility. Since the rail line is no longer connected, it could be a challenge to remove the rail car.

Mr. Wood suggested that everyone review Ms. Smith's notes prior to meeting with staff.

3. **TVA Extreme Energy Makeover Proposal:** Mr. Kenworthy reported that TVA will be releasing the NOFA in the next month or two and implementation could start as soon as October. Mr. Kenworthy reported that EQAB has been asked to define the population of homes and how the homes were selected. Ms. Smith requested the topic be discussed further at the April 17th work session.

4. **Tree Board Duties:** Ms. Imperato reported that the transfer of tree board duties to the Recreation and Parks Board was discussed at their monthly meeting, and the Recreation and Parks Board decided that they do not want the tree duties at this time.

D. Reports and Other Communications:

1. City staff (Athanasia Senecal Lewis): Ms. Lewis reported that the City will be hosting two Indonesian fellows from May 10th through June 1st.
2. KACB-Earth Day: Ms. Imperato reported that Earth Day is on April 26, 2014. Ms. Imperato requested volunteers.
3. DOE, SSAB, ORRCA, report on recent activities: Mr. Kenworthy reported the next SSAB meeting is April 9th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the OSTI building. The Remediation Evaluation Report will be discussed.

E. New Business:

1. **Recycling bins in parks:** Ms. Smith reported that the City of Knoxville is adding recycling bins in all of their parks and suggests that EQAB communicate to staff about having recycling bins added in all of our parks.

F. Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Ms. Imperato to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.; motion carried.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia Milanez, Secretary

KACB = Keep Anderson County Beautiful
SSAB = Site Specific Advisory Board
ORRCA = Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance