

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 7, 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 August 7, 2014. The meeting convened at 7:05 pm with Steve Kenworthy, Chairman, presiding.

Members in attendance: Steve Kenworthy, Paige Russell, Robert Kennedy, Pat Imperato, Donna Kridelbaugh, Sylvia Milanez, Aditya Savara, Ellen Smith, Joe Wood, Aditya Chourey, Emma Milloway

Members not in attendance: None.

Visitors/Others: Steve Byrd, OR City Engineer

Approval of the agenda: A motion was made by Ms. Imperato and seconded by Ms. Smith to approve the agenda as corrected; the motion carried. Item E2 was corrected to "EQAB online forum," and item G2 was added (proposed transfer of Clark Park to COR).

- B. Presentation by Steve Byrd, City Engineer:** Mr. Byrd discussed the City Stormwater Management Program and National Stormwater Regulations. In August 2013, TDEC notified COR that it meets the criteria for a Phase II MS4 program, which precipitated the need for changes in the COR Stormwater Management Program. Mr. Byrd distributed two handouts to EQAB members (1) Phase II Stormwater Permit Notice of Intent (NOI); and (2) Best Management Practices for Public Education and Public Participation, which included a series of measurable goals and milestones. COR is currently in the first 5-year phase of the MS4 program.
- C. Approval of the minutes from the July 10, 2014 meeting:** A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Ms. Smith to approve the corrected minutes; the motion carried with one abstention.
- D. High School Representatives Report:** Mr. Chourey informed EQAB of the ORHS Ecology Club's plans for a meeting to recruit new members. Possible topics for the Club to investigate this school year include constructing a rain garden and stormwater control.
- E. Unfinished Business**
- 1. CAP Report Press Release:** Mr. Kennedy offered to write a press release regarding the recently completed EQAB CAP Report; the press release will be sent to Amy Fitzgerald from COR, who will do the release (to the local newspapers). The Board discussed the need to incorporate the City Council's reaction to the CAP in the press release; Mr. Kenworthy will seek Council's input and forward it to Mr. Kennedy.
 - 2. EQAB Online forum:** The Board discussed which software and medium would be the most appropriate to use for the forum. Suggestions included PHPbb.com, a Google group, a bulletin board, and various blogs.

F. Reports and Other Communications

1. **KACB:** Ms. Imperato stated that there was no information yet regarding the two submitted grant proposals (20k grant for Highland View, and 10k grant for Children’s Museum). The bi-annual electronics recycling will be on November 8, in the facility next to Willow Ridge in Oak Ridge.
2. **DOE, SSAB, ORRCA:** Ms. Kridelbaugh, who had volunteered to go to the next ORRCA meeting, is still waiting for the date. Mr. Chourey and Ms. Smith went to the SSAB presentation on legacy waste by Aaron White.

G. New Business

1. **Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds (QECCB):** A link was given for a Federal Loan Program that provides funds to municipalities for energy-related projects.
http://www.dsireusa.org/incentives/incentive.cfm?Incentive_Code=US51F
2. **Proposed sale/transfer of Clark Park from DOE to the City:** Discussions are currently underway between DOE and COR to transfer the Park to the City at no cost; DOE is stipulating that the Park must remain for recreational use only. A potential role for EQAB in this issue is unknown at this time.
3. **UT tree inventory:** It was noted that the field work for the UT tree inventory is believed to be completed, but not the report of the results. However, some information about the inventory results will be forthcoming from Athanasia Lewis in the near future.

F. Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Ms. Russell to adjourn; motion carried.



Stephen Kenworthy, Chairman
Environmental Quality Advisory Board

cc: City Manager
City Clerk
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Steve Byrd, City Engineer
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COR = City of Oak Ridge
KACB = Keep Anderson County Beautiful
ORHS = Oak Ridge High School
ORRCA = Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance
SSAB = Site Specific Advisory Board
TDEC = Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation