

APPROVED

Environmental Quality Advisory Board Regular Meeting February 6, 2014

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 February 6, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with Steve Kenworthy, Chairman, presiding.

Members in attendance: Steve Kenworthy, Robert Kennedy, Donna Kridelbaugh, Ellen Smith, Aditya Savara, Sylvia Milanez, Stephanie Paul, Pat Imperato, Paige Russell; Athanasia Senecal Lewis (staff liaison)

Members Not in Attendance: Aditya Chourey

Visitors/Others: Chloe Ashley, TDEC Intern

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

The amendment was the reordering of items in section C. Unfinished Business. The new ordering is as follows: 1. Environmental Quality Awards: Draft letter to City Council (if available), 2. CSX Rails-to-Trails project tasks (documentation if available), 3. City of Oak Ridge Stormwater Management Program status update, Notice Of Intent (NOI) review, 4. Coyotes.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the minutes of the January 9th meeting (the regular EQAB meeting was postponed a week due to the holiday). The motion carried.

High School Report: Ms. Paul reported that the Environmental Club has money for two more water refill stations. One has been ordered; there was discussion about getting a second one with the remaining funds or using the money another way.

Unfinished Business

1. **Environmental Quality Awards** – A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Ms. Milanez to approve a revised draft letter to City Council explaining the Environmental Quality Awards and asking for the Council's support. The motion carried. Mr. Savara abstained from voting.
2. **Rails-to-Trails** – Ms. Smith provided a status report on the CSX Rails-to-Trails initiative and distributed a summary document. She reported that they are still searching for documentation of the cleanup of DOE related contamination along the rail line.
3. **Stormwater Management Program** – Mr. Kenworthy reported that he inquired about obtaining a copy of the NOI to review for an endorsement.
4. **Coyotes** – Ms. Smith provided some history of EQAB activity on the subject of coyotes and discussed the importance of public education. She may submit an article to the newspapers on the topic.

Reports and Other Communications —

City staff – Ms. Lewis reported that there have been some preliminary discussions about the Tree City duties being transferred to the Recreation and Parks Board. The Board discussed briefly. Ms. Lewis and Mr. Kenworthy updated the Board on the CAP Progress Report. The plan will be discussed further at the February 20th work session.

1. **KACB-Earth Day** – Ms. Imperato reported that Earth Day 2014 will be held on April 26th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The charity shoe drive will continue this year.
2. **Tree Board Workshop Debriefing**— Ms. Imperato reported that the event was well attended, and she passed around materials from the workshop.
3. **DOE, SSAB, ORRCA; Report on Recent Activities** – Ms. Smith reported that the SSAB is looking at the groundwater proposal – comments are needed on the draft.

Ms. Smith reported that the EM/Stewardship Committee met and discussed maintenance and how to incorporate institutional memory. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Ms. Russell; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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