

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD

June 3, 2010

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Municipal Building, Training Room

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
 - 1. Introduction of EQAB members and recognition of visitors
 - 2. Recognition of Recording Secretary:
 - 3. Amendments to the Agenda
 - 4. Announcements
- B. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting Held April 1, 2010
No minutes from May 6 meeting (meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum)
- C. Action Items Update
- D. Presentations: Kate Groover, Oak Ridge Revitalization Effort; ORRE's accomplishments and future plans <http://revitalizeoakridge.org/>
- E. High School Representatives (Dora Mcpeak, Austin Morgan)
 - 1. Welcome to new ORHS representatives
- F. Report on DOE-related matters (from EQAB Regulatory Oversight Committee and DOE representative David Page)
- G. Communications
- H. City Staff (Athanasia Senecal)
- I. Planning Commission (Chuck Agle)
- J. Special Projects
 - 1. Sustainability (Green) Initiative
 - a) Single Stream/Rewards Programs for Apartment Complexes (Joe Wood)
 - b) Modeling Results for the Climate Action Plan (Athanasia Senecal)
 - c) New Projects (Life after the Climate Action Plan?)
 - 2. Outdoor Burning (Temporarily Suspended)
 - 3. Earth Day Debrief
- K. Reports on External Organizations
 - 1. Local Oversight Committee/Citizens Advisory Panel
 - 2. Keep Anderson County Beautiful
 - 3. Other Projects
- L. Unfinished Business
 - 1. Annual Report

- M. New Business
 - 1. Secret City Festival
 - 2. Replacement for Bruce Nigh's seat on EQAB
- N. Adjournment

EQAB Work Session Schedule:

TBD

Noteworthy Public Meetings/Events

Saturday, June 5. National Trails Day. Trailwork on the North Ridge Trail, North Ridge Greenbelt. North Ridge Trail Steward Susan Donnelly will host a working morning on the N. Walker Lane-to-Wedgewood section of the trail on Saturday, June 5. In an event planned to coincide with National Trails Day, participants will trim encroaching vegetation from the trail. The North Ridge Trail is one of TCWP's oldest on-going projects. Built and maintained by TCWP members for many decades, the 7+-mile trail is the crown jewel of the acclaimed Oak Ridge Greenway system. Sections of the trail are available for adoption. The event will start at 9:00 a.m. from N Walker Lane (off Outer Drive in Oak Ridge). Participants should wear weather-appropriate clothes and sturdy shoes. Recommended items to bring include gloves, drinking water, and (if available) clippers, hand pruners, hedge trimmers, and/or cordless weed-eaters. For more information, e-mail Susan at susan.donnelly@comcast.net, or call Sandra at 865-522-3809.

cc: City Manager
City Clerk
Amy Fitzgerald
Athanasia Senecal
Laura Davis, Fire Dept.
Steve Byrd, City Engineer
Oak Ridger
News-Sentinel
Oak Ridge Observer

Minutes of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board

April 1, 2010

Submitted by Robert Kennedy, Volunteer Recording Secretary

present: Groton (chair), Kennedy (vice-chair), Fain, Wood, Carter, Stephens, Wall/Burns, Senecal (non-vote staff), Smith (Council ex.off.), Page (non-vote DoE rep.).

excused absent: Nelson (sec.), Imperato.

resigned: Nigh.

quorum established @ 1910.

Chair moved up items re: sustainability & high school report to accommodate schedules.

Chair mentioned garlic mustard pull and other activities wrt invasive species in April.

Approval of Minutes - Nelson absent due to illness; Kennedy volunteered.

Wood's Action Item tracking sheet passed around & annotated.

Wall & Burns reported on ORHS issues.

- This will be Wall's second-to-last meeting. [ed.note: time flies]
- Burns tasked by Groton to recruit and nominate new ORHS representative.

Chair discussed, with Page, TDEC letter to Inez Triay @ (EM in DoE HQ in DC).

- Commo between Tenn.Gov. Bredesen & DoE passed around.

- Subject: revised funding profile for cleanup @ K-25; FFA milestones.

Page reports:

- new local head of EM is John Eshenberg (sp?), replaces Steve McCracken who moved to TVA to do coal ash cleanup;

- JTHowell is now DepAsstMgr for EM locally;

- discussion re hiking trails on BORCE;

[ed.note: BORCE = Black Oak Ridge Conservation Easement];

- TDEC holds easement, TWRA manages, DoE still owns land itself;

- some discussion of goose management, \$400K annual budget for these pgms;

- hunting on BORCE is archery only, no hunting w/in 400 yds of residences or roads;

- per Kennedy request, Page will send info re switchgrass cultivation expts by CROET @ Horizon Center to Kennedy.

DoE newsletters passed around.

Senecal staff report:

- light shields have been installed this week on the glare bombs @ the new Dollar General in the East End; Chair noted he will evaluate and report on effectiveness.

- domain name "greeningoakridge.net" will be xferred to City and fee will come out of Comm.Devel. budget.

- Kathryn Baldwin (Senecal's boss) OK with Senecal updating website, except for minutes, roster, agenda, which are already tasked to other staff;

- EQAB is registered for both Earth Day and Secret City Festival booths; fees waived; need volunteers to staff booths;

- City has filled out application for Google eco-money;

- next Bicycle-Pedestrian (sp?) meeting in this room [Training Room] sched. for 1 PM on 19 Apr.

- after discussion, next work session for Climate Action Plan scheduled for 1830 on Thu 22 Apr.

- Senecal will send draft of Climate Action Plan (Word document, with Track Changes ON) for review by 16 April.

Some discussion by Carter of LOC lameness which recorder missed.

Chair thanked resigning member Mr Bruce Nigh (who resigned via email on Monday March 29 with immediate effect due to time/work constraints) for his service to the Board and the City.

Chair notes only one vacancy (Nigh's seat) on EQAB at present.

Chair requested EQAB recruit candidates who are in tune and have the time, plus one ORHS student, same stips.

Adjourned 1957.