

APPROVED

Minutes of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board

April 1, 2010

Submitted by Robert Kennedy, Recording Secretary for meeting

Present: Groton, Kennedy, Fain, Wood, Carter, Stephens, Wall/Burns, Senecal (non-vote staff), Smith (Council), Page (DOE representative).

Absent: Nelson (excused.), Imperato (excused), Agle

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 related to 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.
- 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).

- Communication 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, replaces Steve McCracken who moved to TVA to do coal ash cleanup;
- JT Howell is now Deputy Assistant Manager for EM locally;
- Discussion regarding hiking trails on 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 programs;
- Hunting on BORCE is archery only, no hunting w/in 400 yards of residences or roads;
- Per Kennedy request, Page will send info regarding switchgrass cultivation experts by CROET at 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 transferred to City and fee will come out of Community Development 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 meeting in Training Room scheduled for 1 PM on 19 April
- After discussion, next work session for Climate Action Plan scheduled for 1830 on Thu 22 April
- Senecal will send draft of Climate Action Plan (Word document, with Track Changes ON) for review by 16 April.

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 willing to help and have the time, plus one ORHS student, same stipulations.

Adjourned 1957.

James P. Gordon
June 11, 2010