

# APPROVED

Minutes of Environmental Quality Advisory Board    October 7, 2010  
Recorded by Joan Nelson

Present:

Chuck Agle  
Boyd Carter  
Patricia Fain  
James Groton  
Pat Imperator  
Robert Kennedy  
Joan Nelson  
Fred Stephens  
Ben Terpstra  
Dave Weston  
Joe Wood

Absent:

Austin Morgan, excused

Guests:

Lou Arnold, League of Women Voters,  
Ellen Smith, Oak Ridge City Council  
David Page, Department of Energy

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Groton.

A quorum was established.

Visitors were welcomed and introductions made.

Nelson agreed to act as recording secretary.

No amendments to the agenda.

No announcements.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from September 2 and the work session on September 21 were approved as amended.

Action items:

Wood passed around the action items. Pertaining to action items, Stephens mentioned he paid the annual fee for the URL for the EQAB website.

High School Report:

Representative Terpstra gave a summary of the solar initiative that he initiated last year to put panels on the high school with the goal of making the panels highly visible to the community and the high school students. The purpose of the visible panels is to demonstrate that solar power is a viable energy source in the present, not just as a future alternative. The company with which Ben was working, Soltility with Ken Elder, has ceased to exist and the Generation Partners program with TVA is undergoing reassessment at this time. Discussion followed among the Board members about future

possibilities in the Oak Ridge community and Kennedy is to introduce Terpstra to another community member who is in Leadership Oak Ridge at this time.

The Environmental Club at the ORHS is presently involved in recycling.

Imperato reintroduced the issue of stream landscaping at the high school. Groton mentioned positive interactions he has had with Beth Adler, biology teacher at the high school and a possible partner with future environmental initiatives with EQAB and the creation of a riparian buffer along the stream. Groton added the EQAB can contribute to the high school with projects, outings, and speakers.

Pat Fain will contact Beth Adler at the high school to discuss possible joint projects.

DOE Report by David Page:

The 2009 Annual Site Environmental Report, ASER, is now online for public review at [www.ornl.gov/aser](http://www.ornl.gov/aser). In February an executive summary will be available in print and EQAB will have access to a copy.

The annual deer hunt will occur beginning this month. There has been a concurrent reduction in vehicle accidents involving deer since the introduction of the hunting season on DOE property.

Noted: Both Los Alamos County and the city of Oak Ridge have been cited by EPA for sewer infiltration problems requiring attention. (Oak Ridge infiltration was mentioned by Mark Watson at the previous meeting.)

Communications made available by Groton:

1. Letter submitted to City Council with the Climate Action Plan.
2. Public Involvement publication from DOE
3. Letter from LOC pertaining to grant renewal-to be addressed later in the meeting.

Staff Report by Senecal:

Bike and Pedestrian Plan still in process. Agle mentioned the bike lane dead end at the intersection of Illinois and the Turnpike. Information should be given to Steve Byrd with copy to Senecal as part of the "critical gap" citizen input.

No word yet on the Tiger II grant.

Planning Commission Report by Agle:

Parcels ED-8 A-E, released by DOE to CROET, have been purchased and rezoned IND 2. The purchasers are a group of LLCs headquartered in North Carolina. Jefferson Federal Bank is foreclosing on some properties in Rarity Oaks.

Special Projects:

CAP is scheduled to be considered at the next OR City Council work session on October 25, and will not be voted on at a City Council meeting before November.

EQAB will have a work session on October 11, 6:30-8:30, to prepare for our role in the upcoming City Council work session. Senecal will attend to reserving a room and informing the public as required and securing a projector for power point slides that Wood will make.

Smith suggested Senecal request that a copy of the CAP be given to the Council members a week before the work session.

Members of EQAB reiterated that the CAP is a plan that will continue to be developed. For example, Wood and Kennedy mentioned three important initiatives that arose after the draft was completed-smart meters, deep retrofits, and the solar panel project. Groton and Imperato added that education and community development are important aspects of the CAP that will require champions and partners.

#### Reports on External Organizations:

Carter and Groton attended the annual meeting of the LOC. They reported there were excellent discussions on a variety of topics affecting the seven-county region around the DOE facility in Oak Ridge.

The renewal of the grant for LOC, founded in 1991, is before TDEC. EQAB has been asked to provide a letter of support for the LOC. Stephens moved that Groton compose a letter to City Council recommending that the City support for the LOC. Fain seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Imperato reported on Keep Anderson County Beautiful. Judge Potter gave an excellent presentation on the new litter law. Planning for Earth Day has begun. The City is seeking a designation as a "Playful" city and sponsoring Earth Day will help the City qualify. This could justify more financial support from the City for Earth Day. The Breakfast Rotary and New Rotary will support the planting of trees and shrubs in Oak Ridge. Imperato would like to act on behalf of EQAB/Tree Board in that Rotary initiative.

#### Under New Business:

EQAB held elections for officers beginning in October. By acclamation the following were elected:

President, Groton

Vice President, Kennedy

Secretary, Weston. (Recording of minutes at meetings will be assigned on a rotating basis.)

The members of EQAB are to study the work plan, the bylaws, and the founding ordinance as we consider editing and updating them. Groton will post them as documents that can be edited.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

*Recording Secretary*

*Mia J. Allen*

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