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Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Minutes

DATE: April 7, 2011

PLACE: Municipal Building Training Room

PRESENT: Jimmy Groton, Fred Stephens, Pat Fain, Pat Imperato, Dave Weston, Chuck Agle, Leslie Agron, Robert Kennedy, Ben Terpstra, Austin Morgan, Athanasia Senecal Lewis– Staff Representative

ABSENT: Boyd Carter

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mr. Groton. Attendance was taken, as well as recognition of visitors (Ellen Smith).

Mr. Agron made a motion to approve the March 3rd minutes as submitted and the motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Mr. Groton passed around the DOE Public Involvement Newsletter and the LOC packet.

There was no presentation scheduled.

Mr. Morgan reported that the high school environmental club met for the first time. They discussed possible locations at the high school for wetlands projects.

Mr. Terpstra met with Dr. Bailey to discuss the feasibility of a solar array on the cafeteria at the high school. They are reviewing financial options and looking at the College Park, Maryland model for guidance.

Ms. Senecal Lewis reported that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was adopted by City Council at the April meeting. She also updated the Board on Oak Ridge's participation in the EPA Building Blocks Program.

There was no Planning Commission report.

The action items checklist was passed around the room.

Ms. Imperato provided an update on the Earth Day festival, which is April 30th. This year's theme is "Erase your Trace." Press is good, but the Anderson County Visions magazine has been discontinued, so other PR methods are being explored.

There was a general discussion about energy audits the Fire Department is going to do. Mr. Stephens expressed concern that doing nothing or moving slow is more expensive because

energy costs and consumption continue to rise. The Board discussed ways to engage the schools in an audit.

Ms. Fain a made motion that Mr. Kennedy represent EQAB and attend meetings the City Manager invites him to. Mr. Agle seconded the motion and the motion pass unanimously.

The Board scheduled a work session on April 13th to discuss upcoming presentations and a schedule for implementing Climate Action Plan recommendations.

Ms. Imperato discussed green lawns and yard maintenance. Mr. Stephens agreed to look at what other cities are doing (after May 1st).

Mr. Agle made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Stephens and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

David Weston, Secretary