
**TOWN OF CARRBORO
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD – SUMMARY**



Meeting on March 5, 2020, 7:00 pm, Town Hall Planning Department

Board Members	Staff	Guests
Tim Turner (Chair)	Laura Janway	Jackson Bradford (EAB Applicant)
Jeanette O'Connor		Chrissie Schalkoff (EAB Applicant)
Bruce Sinclair		Tilly Pick
Lyndsay Gavin		Olivia Raines
Kathy Kaufman		Ranger Ruffins
		Mariah Wozniak

Note: Absent/Excused: Sammy Slade (Board of Aldermen Liaison), Randee Haven-O'Donnell (Board of Aldermen Liaison)

Call to Order, Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Turner. Turner mentioned that Sonia Desai had resigned from the board.

EAB members discussed electing a temporary Chair to preside over meetings. Members decided that they would postpone elections during the time of transition while the Town Council is considering a climate action advisory board. Chair Turner stated that he would reach out to all EAB candidates who have applied for seats on the EAB. Staff informed EAB members that the decision had been made to hold off on EAB appointments during this time of potential advisory board transition.

Staff announced that on Saturday, March 7th from 1:00-4:00 pm, Carrboro Stormwater will be partnering with Chapel Hill Stormwater to clean up a section of the Morgan Creek watershed.

Approval of Minutes –February 19, 2020 Meeting

Staff member Janway stated that she had a correction for the minutes. The correction involves the omission of a vote from the February 19th, 2020 meeting. At that meeting, EAB members voted to add a discussion of a draft memo to staff and the Carrboro Town Council on Climate Action Plan Emergency Operating Procedures to the next EAB agenda.

O'Connor motioned to approve the minutes from the February 19th, 2020 meeting with the correction from staff. This motion was seconded by Kaufman. **AYES: (5) Turner, Gavin, Kaufman, O'Connor, Sinclair; NAYES: (0)**

Officer Elections

EAB members continued their earlier discussion of annual officer elections. Sinclair motioned to keep the same officers as the previous year. O'Connor mentioned that the EAB will now need a new Vice-Chair, as Sonia Desai, the previous Vice-Chair, had resigned. Guest Pick mentioned that the EAB could be a subcommittee of a potential climate advisory board.

Sinclair motioned to appoint Kaufman as Vice-Chair until the potential board reconfiguration occurs. Gavin seconded the motion. **AYES: (5) Turner, Gavin, Kaufman, O'Connor, Sinclair; NAYES: (0)**

The EAB continued discussion of the potential advisory board reconfiguration. Kaufman motioned to include this item on

the next EAB agenda, seconded by Gavin. **AYES: (5) Turner, Gavin, Kaufman, O'Connor, Sinclair; NAYES: (0)**

Several EAB members also decided to request a meeting with staff regarding:

- 1) The overall proposal and the long-term functioning of advisory boards with the new charges.
- 2) The EAB currently has two vacancies out of seven seats, with one member scheduled to move out of Carrboro and resign from the board in May. The EAB feel that they would like to appoint new members in the interim in order to be able to more easily meet a quorum and complete their work.
- 3) The EAB would like to make sure that individuals on the new advisory boards have the requisite experience to ensure environmental functions are represented. The EAB believes that the Planning Board and Appearance Commission should have specific seats reserved for members with environmental expertise, and this should be written into the charges of those advisory boards.

Discussion of Potential Climate Action Activities for Carrboro Open Streets 2020

Staff member Janway described the Open Streets event and asked EAB members for input on activities related to climate action. EAB members provided the following ideas:

- Provide bicycle-powered blenders for residents to make beverages
- Partner with Phillips Middle School students on their no-idling campaign
- Allow residents to calculate their carbon footprints with a worksheet
- Design a Climate Jeopardy game
- Ask the Carrboro High School Environmental Science classes to help with additional activity ideas

Debrief on 12/10/19 Green Neighborhoods Outreach Meeting

Staff member Janway provided a debrief from the 12/10/19 Town Council Meeting.

Green Neighborhoods Program Discussion

EAB Members discussed the Green Neighborhoods Program.

- Guest Pick discussed options for interested residents to become involved.
- Guest Schalkoff mentioned creating a consortium with working groups for mentorship
- Community champions could meet in groups related to project topics
- Create a forum for groups to discuss their projects
- Provide signs for residents to install to showcase their participation in the initiative
- Design a Green Neighborhoods project tour to highlight successful projects, such as solar installations or pollinator gardens
- Provide workshops and integrate them with Council Member Haven-O'Donnell's modules initiative
- Create a website hub with resources to help individuals learn how to become community leaders
- Guest Pick stated that there are many different ways to track projects, including social media or informal weekly interviews
- Create a showcase of Green Neighborhoods projects at next year's Open Streets event.
- Guest Bradford mentioned that staff could communicate with individuals who represent the landlords of rental properties regarding LED lighting and energy efficiency improvements
- Provide residents with feasibility impact charts for home improvements
- Use the term "climate champion" instead of "community champion" for neighborhood leaders
- Ensure equity in potential grant program; provide interpreters

Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Kaufman and seconded by O'Connor, with all members voting in favor. **AYES: (5) Turner, Gavin, Kaufman, O'Connor, Sinclair; NAYES: (0)**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.