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



Meeting on June 10, 2020, 7:00 pm, Virtual Zoom Meeting

Board Members	Town Council Liaison	Staff	Guests
Tim Turner (Chair)	Randee Haven-O'Donnell	Rebecca Buzzard	Donald Addu (Citizens' Climate Lobby)
Jeanette O'Connor	Sammy Slade	Laura Janway	Norma Safransky (Citizens' Climate Lobby)
Kathy Kaufman			Sharon Bagatell (Citizens' Climate Lobby)
			Philip Personal (Citizens' Climate Lobby)

Note: Absent/Excused: None

Call to Order, Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chair Turner.

Approval of Minutes – June 4, 2020 Meeting

Kaufman motioned to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2020 meeting. This motion was seconded by O'Connor.

AYES: (3) Turner, O'Connor, Kaufman; NAYES: (0)

Action Items

Consideration of Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act Resolution

Don Addu from the Citizens' Climate Lobby presented EAB members with a resolution urging the United States Congress to enact the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act and provided background information about the legislation. EAB members asked questions and had concerns about the legislation. EAB members decided not to vote on the resolution and continue discussion at a future meeting.

Prepare Review Comments for Land Use Ordinance Amendments to Establish a Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability Commission

EAB members continued discussion of Land Use Ordinance Amendments to Establish a Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability Commission. Chair Turner introduced a document he wrote with comments about the Land Use Ordinance Amendments.

The EAB discussed the Land Use Ordinance Amendments and made recommendations. The recommendations contained the following:

Motion was made by Kaufman and seconded by O'Connor that the Environmental Advisory Board recommends that the Town Council does not approve the draft ordinance. **AYES: (3) Turner, O'Connor, Kaufman; NAYES: (0)**

By a unanimous show of hands, the Environmental Advisory Board membership also indicated that no members have any financial interests that would pose a conflict of interest to the adoption of this amendment.

Motion was made by O'Connor and seconded by Kaufman that the Environmental Advisory Board of the Town of Carrboro finds that the proposed text amendment is not consistent with Carrboro Vision2020 in the support of environmental protection and promotion, specifically Provision 5.22 to set policies to protect creeks, streams ponds and lakes, and Provision 5.31 to promote energy conservation, alternative and renewal energy, as well as the Community Climate Action Plan which speaks to the role of an advisory board to help guide implementation. Furthermore, the

Environmental Advisory Board of the Town of Carrboro finds that the proposed text amendment does not promote efficient and effective government which is in the public interest. **AYES: (3) Turner, O'Connor, Kaufman; NAYES: (0)**

Motion by Kaufman, seconded by O'Connor, that the EAB unanimously recommends that the Town Council:

- Vote no to the proposed Amendment to the Land Use Ordinance.
- Direct the staff to come up with a plan, in consultation with EAB and perhaps other volunteer boards, to create a new Climate Action Commission, while leaving the EAB intact and unaltered.
- All holds be removed immediately on new appointments to EAB, so that EAB can restaff from its current membership of three persons for summer 2020 meetings. We look forward to working with the town on proactively recruiting minority candidates to the EAB.

AYES: (3) Turner, O'Connor, Kaufman; NAYES: (0)

Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by O'Connor and seconded by Kaufman, with all members voting in favor. **AYES: (3) Turner, Kaufman, O'Connor; NAYES: (0)**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.