
TOWN OF CARRBORO
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD – SUMMARY



Meeting on March 4, 2021, 7:00 pm, Virtual Zoom Meeting

Board Members	Town Council Liaison	Staff
Kathy Kaufman	Randee Haven-O'Donnell	Laura Janway
Alfonso Blanco	Sammy Slade	
Namdi Brandon		
Chrissie Schalkoff		
Maria Julia Echart		

Note: Absent/Excused: Tim Turner

Call to Order, Announcements

Kaufman volunteered to preside over the meeting.

Officer Elections

Members were reluctant to take on the Chair role, as they wanted to ensure that it would not affect their ability to be appointed to the Climate Action Team when applicants are appointed. Town Council member Slade clarified that he would make this clear to the Town Council. Schalkoff nominated Kaufman as Chair, seconded by Brandon. All voted in favor. **AYES: (5) Echart, Schalkoff, Brandon, Blanco, Kaufman; NAYES: (0).**

Kaufman nominated Schalkoff for Vice-Chair, seconded by Echart. All voted in favor. **AYES: (5) Echart, Schalkoff, Brandon, Blanco, Kaufman; NAYES: (0).**

Both Kaufman and Schalkoff reiterated their preferences to join the Climate Action Team and leave their roles on the EAB when applicants are appointed.

Choose Representative for Racial Equity Commission

Brandon volunteered to be the EAB's representative on the Racial Equity Commission. Schalkoff seconded this nomination. All voted in favor. **AYES: (5) Kaufman, Echart, Schalkoff, Brandon, Blanco; NAYES: (0).**

Approve 3/4/21 minutes

Brandon motioned to approve the minutes for the 3/4/21 EAB Meeting, seconded by Schalkoff. All voted in favor. **AYES: (5) Blanco, Kaufman, Echart, Brandon, Schalkoff; NAYES: (0).**

Joint Review

Review of 203 Project Principal Building Design Features

EAB Members attended a Joint Review presentation of the 203 Project's Principal Design Features.

Prepare Review Comments for Review of 203 Project Principal Building Design Features

EAB members prepared review comments for the final CUP review for 721 Jones Ferry Road. EAB member Brandon left the meeting at 8:20 pm. Comments discussed:

- Requesting more information about the energy efficiency measures planned for the building
- Exploring solar leasing
- Utilizing native plants and designing courtyard spaces to be more natural
- Supporting the seed library concept

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- Installing public water fountains using recycled water
 - Adding additional bicycle spaces
 - Adding dedicated bicycle spaces inside the parking deck, charging infrastructure for electric-assisted bicycles, and spaces for the library's bicycle loan program
 - Ensuring that electric vehicle (EV) charging spaces are installed in 25% of the parking deck
 - Ensuring that at least 50% spaces in the parking deck are EV ready
 - Designing window treatments to prevent bird collisions
 - Supporting the use of recycled, locally-made brick
 - Agreeing with the Town's pursuit of LEED Gold equivalent for the building
 - Creating a designated space for recycling items
 - Ensuring the building has adequate recycling bins

Motion was made by Blanco and seconded by Schalkoff to finalize the recommendations. All voted in favor. **AYES: (4) Turner, Blanco, Kaufman, Schalkoff; NAYES: (0).**

Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Kaufman and seconded by Schalkoff, with all members voting in favor. **AYES: (4) Blanco, Kaufman, Echart, Schalkoff; NAYES: (0).** The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 pm.