

TOWN OF CARRBORO ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD – SUMMARY



Meeting on March 6th, 2008 at 6:30 pm, Town Hall

Board Members	Guests	Staff
Bob Taylor, Chair	Tom Mullen	Randy Dodd
Carolyn Buckner	Randi Smith	
Jennifer Everett, Vice-chair		
Andreas Hay		
Randee Haven O'Donnell		

Call to Order

As acting chair, Carolyn called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Minutes were approved for February 2007. Candidates Randi Smith, Tom Mullen, EAB members and staff provided introductions.

Election of Officers

Bob Taylor was elected as chair and Jennifer Everett as vice-chair by unanimous vote.

Greenways Commission

The Greenways Commission asked advisory boards to provide input regarding moving forward with the issuance of a Request for Qualifications for greenway concept planning for a greenway section between Estes Drive and Homestead Road. The primary issue under consideration is the selection of the greenway tread/surface, which is required to be 10 feet wide and paved as a funding provision from transportation funds. There was a lengthy discussion that involved both informing members and deliberations about alternatives. The EAB developed a recommendation to have Stewart Bryan (who has helped developed several local trail systems) and a DOT representative attend the next Greenways Commission meeting to help fully inform the decision.

CityGreen

The Town has upgraded a software license for CityGreen, a GIS based application that could provide a tool to support the EAB's interest in considering environmental debt in the development review process. Randy will be self-training in the software and assessing data needs and beginning work to process data in the coming weeks. Because of current workload requirements, it will likely be more than a month before he is ready to start using it for development review applications.

NSAPIRC Report

Carolyn provided a report on the recommendations of the NSAPIRC, and presented a concern that the environmental provisions/recommendations were at risk of not being approved. Randee offered to check that the recommendations were not being "lost in the shuffle".

Green Building

Randy reported on staff discussions about green building and presented the idea of staff and advisory boards collaborating on a roughly one year workplan that set a schedule and goals and allocated responsibility/leadership for subtopics under green building to different boards and staff. Perhaps a joint meeting to initiate the effort could be scheduled and then roughly quarterly meetings planned.

Planned Ordinance Revisions

Randy presented staff plans for ordinance review/revisions this spring with environmental elements (not including the NSAPIRC). Relevant topics include water conservation, illicit discharge detection and elimination, consideration of the updated Jordan Lake rules anticipated to be released in April, and riparian buffers.

Tilley Farm

The EAB deferred providing any concept plan comments for Tilley Farm because of need for further deliberation, uncertainty about deadline for submittal (Randy will clarify) and in consideration of the potential for CityGreen to provide helpful information.

Appointments

Tom Mullen and Randi Smith were appointed to the EAB.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting was scheduled for **April 3rd, 2007**.