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



Meeting on January 7th, 2010 at 7:00 pm, Town Hall

Board Members		Guests	Staff
Tom Mullen (acting chair)	Randee Haven O'Donnell		Randy Dodd
Andreas Hay (absent)	Lynn Weller		
Matthew Arnsberger	Dana Stidham		
Geoff Gisler	Nina Butler		

Call to Order, Administrative Matters

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Minutes from the November and December meeting were approved. Randee updated the EAB regarding recent greenways related activity for the Bolin Creek concept plan. Matthew was chosen as the EAB liaison to the Greenway Commission. Lynn and Andreas will decide upon their interest in continuing to serve on the EAB given the expiration of their terms over the next few weeks; applicants will be invited to the February meeting if an opening exists. Nina will explore the creation of an EAB web site. The EAB will continue to consider development of a checklist to provide to developers as a proactive development review tool.

Review of Land Use Ordinance Amendments:

The EAB discussed the draft lighting amendments, and decided to table further discussion and any potential recommendations until 1/21. The EAB endorsed the changes to the LUO water quality provisions recommended by staff.

Climate Protection and Energy

Nina shared information about Transition Carrboro Chapel Hill (TCCH) current focus to facilitate community involvement in addressing climate protection, peak oil, and local resiliency, and shared TCCH's mission and purpose. There was a discussion about the tension between the transition model and its emphasis at early stages in creative collaboration and Climate Communities inventory and plan driven approach. Tom suggested the Town consider an arrangement with UNC Center for Sustainable Enterprise and/or Duke School of Environment/Business School to support climate protection and energy planning efforts. Randy mentioned an upcoming RFP for internships from the State Energy Office that staff plan to review. Plans were made to dedicate the February meeting to a presentation and discussion on Town efforts related to climate protection and energy and an invitation to the Transition Carrboro Chapel Hill (TCCH) steering committee to discuss collaboration opportunities.

Invasive Plants

Matthew led a follow up discussion on his review of the LUO provisions for invasive plants. Matthew reiterated his interest in incorporating the Native Plant Society invasive species list. The EAB discussed a variety of issues around how to best integrate invasive plants into the ordinance, development review process, and outreach activities. Possibilities for EAB pursuing outreach/educational actions in addition to LUO amendments were discussed. There was a general consensus to support Matthew's recommending changes to the invasive plant list in Appendix E and developing outreach materials for plants, and Nina working with Randy on additional draft materials for a website focused on outreach materials for development review, including a checklist. Matthew will bring back finalized materials for EAB to formally adopt regarding invasive plants.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 21st, 2010, 7:00 pm at Town Hall.