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



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Meeting on January 8th, 2016, 7:00 pm, Town Hall Planning Department

<b>Board Members</b>		<b>Guests</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Bruce Sinclair (chair)	Rob Crook	Pasan Perera (EAB applicant)	Randy Dodd
Sheila Reddy (vice-chair)	Sammy Slade		
Sharon Patrick	Jeanette O'Connor (absent)		
Tim Turner			

**Administrative Matters**

Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The EAB approved the December 3rd minutes by unanimous vote. The EAB and new Board Liaison shared introductions.

**Deer Management Discussion**

There was a general discussion in consideration of the Energy and Climate and Energy Task Force deer herd management recommendation. Sammy mentioned a potential interest in refining this recommendation, for example, to further explain the nature of the stress that deer overgrazing is having on the forest, and identification of studies that have been performed. He mentioned that the Board of Aldermen has been receiving some feedback opposing deer culling/urban archery, and brought this item to the EAB's attention as a "heads up". A general sentiment of the discussion was that deer overgrazing and potential forest impacts is a legitimate community concern, and the reality of implementing herd management steps will require additional research/documentation, education, outreach, and planning. In addition, there was a concern that the feedback that has been received could weaken the ability to rally the community behind the draft plan, and that this particular recommendation in the plan may be more difficult to link to climate change and climate action.

**Pollinator Week Planning**

The EAB had a relatively brief discussion in consideration of the Town's designation as a Bee City USA community and the associated community outreach activities. In 2015, with support from the EAB, Carrboro sponsored its first "Pollinator Week" and "Pollinator Day". Some initial ideas for planning for 2016 were discussed. Marty Hanks was identified as a good person to collaborate with (again) given his important and active role in getting the Town designated as a Bee City USA community and supporting the 2015 activities.

**Review Comments**

The EAB finalized its review comments for the Hilton Garden Inn. The comments addressed: tree canopy and shading requirements; ability to add vegetative features with native plants; having the applicant report if and how they plan to address the corporate level environmental/sustainability commitment between Hilton and the World Wildlife Fund; and adequate lighting on the Libba Cotton bikeway.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 4th.