

TOWN OF CARRBORO ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD – SUMMARY



Meeting on March 3rd, 2016, 7:00 pm, Town Hall Training Room

Board Members		Guests	Staff
Bruce Sinclair (chair)	Rob Crook (absent)	Kasia Grzebyk	Randy Dodd
Pasan Perera	Sammy Slade (Board liaison)		
Sharon Patrick (absent)	Jeanette O'Connor (absent)		
Tim Turner	Tom Hoban		

Administrative Matters

Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. The EAB approved the February 4th minutes by unanimous vote. The EAB welcomed new members (Tom and Pasan) and did a round of introductions. The EAB appointed Bruce Sinclair as chair and Tim Turner as interim vice-chair by unanimous vote.

Water Supply Discussion

Kasia Grzebyk introduced herself as a UNC PhD student in Environmental Sciences and Engineering and an American Association for the Advancement of Science emerging leader with an interest in drinking water supply. The EAB and Ms. Grzebyk had a general discussion about relevant local water supply topics.

Pollinator Outreach Discussion

The EAB had a discussion in consideration of the Town's designation as a Bee City USA community and associated community outreach activities in follow up to previous discussions. A community screening of Queen of the Sun is planned for June 19th. A honeybee mural at Fire Station #1 is planned for the spring. The main new topic covered was the exploration of opportunities for establishing one or more new pollinator gardens. Potential sites were discussed, with key needs being 1) identifying who is willing to take responsibility for maintenance; and 2) coordinating with appropriate Town staff and others. An interest was expressed in using EAB funds to help purchase plants. Tim offered to follow up with Jeanette.

Vision 2020 Update Final Review

The EAB did not have any final review/editorial comments on the Vision 2020 update.

Goals for next year

The EAB discussed goals for the upcoming year. Bruce suggested that the EAB could meet on the third Thursday every 2-3 months and discuss special topics with invited guests. Potential topics which were discussed included: LED streetlights and dark sky unfriendly lights; Jordan Lake (tentatively scheduled for 4/21 with Randy providing a presentation); green building; composting/solid waste/recycling; and renewable energy. Bruce asked the EAB to also reserve August 18th for a 3rd Thursday meeting. Tim will ask Strata Solar staff if they are interested in attending on April 7th or May 5th to discuss ideas around expanding solar energy.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 7th.