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



Meeting on May 18th, 2016, 7:00 pm, Town Hall Training Room

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

Administrative Matters

Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. The EAB approved the May 5th minutes by unanimous vote. .

Pollinator Garden

Jeanette reported that she and Randy met with Public Works staff and they passed information, safety vests, and a first aid kit on and executed an agreement with Jeanette as the EAB rep as the next step in maintaining the pollinator garden at the corner of West Main Street and Hillsborough Road. They also mentioned a second garden by the Post Office that will need to be adopted or potentially abandoned.

107 East Main Street Concept Review Comments

The EAB provided review comments for the 107 East Main Street concept plan. The comments addressed: a vegetated green wall and green roof; site improvements that support native trees and maximize shading and tree canopy; treatments for all glazing to minimize heat and noise transfer; and solar panels.

Solar Presentation

As a follow up to previous discussion, Tim provided a presentation on solar opportunities. The focus was on identifying potential sites to pass on to Strata Solar for consideration as a demonstration site, as well as sites that could meet their interest in utility scale projects. Tim also shared thoughts about the feasibility of the Orange County landfill as a site for a large solar electric array. Tim will follow up with Strata. Tim and Bruce agreed as a next step to draft some language for a resolution for the next meeting that the EAB could pass on to the Chapel Hill Environmental Stewardship Board and the Orange County Commission for the Environment, and look at getting on their respective agendas for an upcoming meeting.

Future Meeting Topics

The EAB is considering inviting guests in the fall/winter to meet with the EAB to discuss green building, and solid waste/recycling/composting topics. Muriel Williman (Orange County) and Compost Now and Tilthy Rich from Durham were specifically mentioned as guests to invite.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2nd.