



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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Vice-Chair Adrienne Tucker
E. Thomas Henkel
Julie McClintock
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Noah Upchurch
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Tuesday, May 10, 2022

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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1 Virtual Meeting Orientation

2 Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

3 Roll Call

Others in attendance: Council Member Parker (Council Liaison), Michelle Stewart, Mary Tiger (OWASA), Diedra Whittenburg-McEntyre (Town staff), Eric Orozco (Neighboring Concepts), and John Richardson (staff liaison)

Present 8 - Chair Mary Metcalf, Vice-Chair Adrienne Tucker, E. Thomas Henkel, Julie McClintock, Marirosa Molina, Noel Myers, Bruce Sinclair, and Noah Upchurch

Absent 1 - Lucy Vanderkamp

4 Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Member Sinclair, seconded by Member Henkel, that the agenda be approved with the addition of time to meet with prospective applicants for the Regional Collaboration seat and an item at the end of the meeting (13.d) to discuss and formulate a recommendation to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chair Mary Metcalf, Vice-Chair Adrienne Tucker, E. Thomas Henkel, Julie McClintock, Marirosa Molina, Noel Myers, Bruce Sinclair, and Noah Upchurch

5 Announcements

None.

6 Petitions

None.

7 Approval of Minutes

a) Draft Action Minutes

[\[22-0415\]](#)

A motion was made by Member Henkel, seconded by Member Sinclair, that the minutes be approved as written. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chair Mary Metcalf, Vice-Chair Adrienne Tucker, E. Thomas Henkel, Julie McClintock, Marirosa Molina, Noel Myers, Bruce Sinclair, and Noah Upchurch

8 Update from Chair

None.

9 Update from Planning Commission Champion

None.

10 Update from Booker Creek Working Group

None.

11 Update from UNC Student Representative

UNC Student Representative, Noah Upchurch, shared the following updates:

- The UNC Sustainability Council received updates from the Town and OWASA at their last meeting, highlighting the ways in which the University and its local partners are all working together on climate and water issues.
- UNC is excited about the Champion Fund, which is a revolving loan fund for students and others to apply for up to \$1M for sustainability-oriented projects.
- Transit is conducting a solar study for their operations facility and the surrounding area. While it's been determined that the Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee (RESPC) funds, which are generated by student fees, are not eligible to support an off-campus project like this, Member Upchurch encouraged others to support this work. Members will recall that RESPC did fund one of the three new all-electric Chapel Hill Transit buses that have recently gone into service.

- Members of the Chancellor's cabinet and other members of UNC administration recently met with student leaders from campus organizations and others like No Coal UNC to build meaningful relationships that can help address a clean energy future. Members of RESPC also had the chance to meet with members of the Public Utilities Commission to learn more about their work and how RESPC can make an impact on campus and within the Chapel Hill community.

12 Old Business

- a) *None.*

13 New Business

- a) Update on OWASA's Long-Range Water Supply Plan [\[22-0416\]](#)

OWASA's Strategic Initiatives Manager, Mary Tiger, provided a presentation to the Board regarding OWASA's Long-Range Water Supply Plan. Ms. Tiger began by recognizing Ruth Rouse, OWASA's Planning and Development Manager, who has served as the project manager for the plan and supporting analyses. Following the presentation, Board members asked questions and made comments about: the Jordan Lake allocation; the option for a transmission line to Burlington or other nearby communities like Durham; the cost and level of treatment needed for a new water treatment plant; the OWASA board's role in evaluating the costs and possible impacts of treating algae and other emerging compounds of concern using newer technologies; and the assumptions about drought and conservation levels that are built into OWASA's long-range water supply model. Ms. Tiger said that the Board's questions and comments would be provided to the OWASA Board for their consideration.

- b) Update on Shaping Our Future [\[22-0417\]](#)

Planning project manager, Diedra Whittenburg-McEntyre and Eric Orozco of Neighboring Concepts, the consulting lead for public engagement, provided an update on the Shaping Our Future project. The goal of the first phase of the project is to make sure that we have the right vision for what the Chapel Hill community wants to be in 20-30 years so that phase 2 of this project can work to create land development regulations that help to achieve the community's vision. Building on what the project is at its core, Council Member Parker also shared that while zoning can help to shape an outcome, there are limits to zoning authority in North Carolina and the rules themselves cannot compel someone to build something. This is where incentives or similar mechanisms can be useful strategies as well. Ms. Whittenburg-McEntyre explained that the staff team would return to share more in the coming weeks

about the preliminary analyses and the engagement strategy. As an example of engagement, the staff liaison reported that the Board's two previous recommendations about the removal of parking minimums and allowing mobility shelters in rights-of-way were both well received by Planning staff and will be considered for possible updates to the land development regulations, either as part of the larger process or an earlier text amendment. The staff liaison also noted that the staff's response to the ESAB's electrification petition is slated to return to Council at their June 15, 2022 meeting.

Member Tucker left the meeting.

c) Recommendation to Council Regarding Advisory Board Remote Participation Policy

[\[22-0418\]](#)

The Board discussed the staff's recommendations regarding the Advisory Board Remote Participation Policy, highlighting the benefits of allowing members to attend meetings while balancing these responsibilities with other obligations.

A motion was made by Member McClintock, seconded by Member Henkel, that the staff's recommendations be approved by Council, with a focus on maintaining the predictability of meeting dates/times in accordance with the necessary virtual meeting software licenses. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Mary Metcalf, E. Thomas Henkel, Julie McClintock, Marirosa Molina, Noel Myers, Bruce Sinclair, and Noah Upchurch

Excused: 1 - Vice-Chair Adrienne Tucker

14 Staff Updates/Reports

ITEM 13.d. - Recommendation to Council Regarding Regional Collaboration Seat

A motion was made by Member Molina, seconded by Member Henkel, that the Council appoint Julie McClintock to the Regional Collaboration seat, pending a determination of eligibility by the Town Clerk; and should the Clerk determine that Ms. McClintock is not eligible to serve, the board wholeheartedly endorses Michelle Stewart. The motion carried by a vote of 5-2 as described below.

Aye: Tom Henkel, Julie McClintock, Marirosa Molina, Noel Myers, Noah Upchurch

Nay: Maripat Metcalf (Chair), Bruce Sinclair

Reasoning: Maripat Metcalf is interested in Ms. Stewart's public health experience as it relates to the work of the board, and Bruce Sinclair is interested to maintain a Carrboro perspective on the board, including the possibility for cross-pollination with the Carrboro Environmental Advisory Board.

The staff's updates were provided as part of the previous item.

15 Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Henkel, seconded by Member McClintock, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Mary Metcalf, E. Thomas Henkel, Julie McClintock, Marirosa Molina, Noel Myers, Bruce Sinclair, and Noah Upchurch

Excused: 1 - Vice-Chair Adrienne Tucker

Order of Consideration of Agenda Items:

- 1. Staff Presentation*
- 2. Applicant's Presentation*
- 3. Public Comment*
- 4. Board Discussion*
- 5. Motion*
- 6. Restatement of Motion by Chair*
- 7. Vote*
- 8. Announcement of Vote by Chair*

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Unless otherwise noted, please contact the Planning Department at 919-968-2728; planning@townofchapelhill.org for more information on the above referenced applications.

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