



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Town Hall
405 Martin Luther King Jr.
Boulevard
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Chair Adrienne Tucker
Vice-Chair Mary Metcalf
Gregory Ames
Jericho Cook
Hui Ding

E. Thomas Henkel
Heidi Kim
Bruce Sinclair
John Wallace

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

7:00 PM

RM 233 | 2nd Floor Training Room

Opening

The meeting opened at 7:08 PM.

Roll Call

Other Attendees: Kim Piracci, Steve Salmony, Kathryn Hasty, Elizabeth Holmes, Bill Warren, Melissa McCullough, Hongbin Gu (Council Liaison) and John Richardson (Staff Liaison)

Present 9 - Chair Adrienne Tucker, Vice-Chair Mary Metcalf, John Wallace, E. Thomas Henkel, Gregory Ames, Jericho Cook, Hui Ding, Heidi Kim, and Bruce Sinclair

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Wallace, seconded by Vice-Chair Metcalf, that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (8-0).

Announcements

The Chair announced that the Town is sponsoring a child care and transportation stipend, and that the Clerk's Office or Staff Liaison can provide assistance. The Chair also asked that presentations for tonight's agenda be limited to 15 minutes and said there was a place on the agenda to discuss this in more detail.

Petitions

The Vice-Chair felt it was important that the Board acknowledge the email received regarding the I-40 expansion, also noting that the Council made a statement about this at an earlier meeting. The members agreed that it will be important to monitor

the project and participate as appropriate.

Approval of Minutes

Review and Approval of January 8, 2019 Draft Action Minutes

[\[19-0116\]](#)

A motion was made by Kim, seconded by Ames, that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (8-0).

Updates from the Chair

The Chair noted that her updates came as part of general announcements.

Old Business

Continue discussing the Climate Reality Carbon Reduction
Petition

[\[19-0117\]](#)

Member Ding arrived.

Members of the Climate Reality Group -- Kim Piracci, Steven Salmony and Kathryn Hasty -- presented an updated version of their draft petition to Council for the Board's review and consideration. The Board suggested some changes that they believed would better frame the commitment for the Town while also encouraging the state and the federal governments to make similar commitments.

A motion was made by Ames, seconded by Henkel, that the petition be endorsed as amended by the Board. The motion carried by a vote of 8-1. Member Ding voted against, acknowledging that she supports the spirit of the petition but has concerns about the Town's ability to reach the proposed community goal without control over several of the carbon producing sectors.

Continue discussing the Climate Action Planning petition

[\[19-0118\]](#)

At the January meeting, the Board received and discussed a petition from Ms. Donna Rubinoff regarding the importance of creating a climate action plan for Chapel Hill. The Board discussed the idea of developing a message of support for the petition and sharing both items with the Council.

A motion was made by Henkel, seconded by Vice-Chair Metcalf, that the Chair develop on behalf of the Board a cover letter supporting the petition and asking Council to provide the resources necessary to develop and implement

a climate action plan. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (9-0).

Continue discussing the Bee City USA petition from Epsilon Eta
Environmental Honors Fraternity

[\[19-0119\]](#)

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Metcalf, seconded by Ames, that the item be tabled for this month and that the Staff Liaison invite the members of the Epsilon Eta Environmental Honors Fraternity to the March meeting to discuss their willingness to commit to the application and tasks involved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (9-0).

New Business

Discuss preferences around meeting process and timing

[\[19-0120\]](#)

The Board discussed the benefits of setting process and timing expectations around petitions and presentations to help with overall meeting flow and time management. The members felt it would be appropriate to experiment with new guidelines: a 10-minute limit for new petitions and presentations, with 10-15 minutes for discussion (and possibly longer for development applications).

Staff Updates/Reports

Sidewalk Maintenance and Tree Protection in Southern Village

[\[19-0121\]](#)

The Staff Liaison reported that the new Standard Operating Procedures have been officially approved by the Public Works leadership and will be utilized going forward. It was also shared that Mr. Christian, the petitioner, had been informed and then reiterated his appreciation of the Board and the staff for their efforts.

Stormwater Advocate seat application review process

[\[19-0122\]](#)

The Staff Liaison explained the current schedule for Board review and recommendations to Council. Applications are due to the Clerk's Office by April 1st. The Board will then meet on April 9th to meet with prospective applicants (any who wish to attend) and then make a formal recommendation for the Council's consideration by no later than April 15th. The Council will then begin its consideration of the applicants at their May 1st Business Meeting.

Member Wallace also noted that the seats for members Kim, Sinclair and Hui are all up for renewal in June and that new applications will be needed for

these members to be considered for additional terms.

Previous petitions

[\[19-0123\]](#)

The Staff Liaison indicated that a report for the roof-mounted solar petition is in development. The liaison also asked about the Board's preference for presenting the Blue Hill roof-mounted solar petition to Council. The members asked that the petition be shared with the Clerk's Office and added to the petitions portion of an upcoming Council meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Henkel, seconded by Vice-Chair Metcalf, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (9-0).

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 and Development Services Department at 919-969-5066; planning@townofchapelhill.org for more information on the above referenced applications.

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