



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, March 12, 2019

7:00 PM

RM 233 | 2nd Floor Training Room

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Roll Call

Others Present: Jackson Bradford, Council Member Hongbin Gu, Ben Hitchings (Planning Director) and John Richardson (Staff Liaison)

Present 7 - Vice-Chair Mary Metcalf, John Wallace, E. Thomas Henkel,
Gregory Ames, Hui Ding, Heidi Kim, and Bruce Sinclair

Absent 2 - Chair Adrienne Tucker, and Jericho Cook

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Henkel, seconded by Ames, that the agenda be approved, as written. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (7-0).

Announcements

Vice-Chair Metcalf, acting as Chair, announced that the Development Review Board Chair meeting is moving to every other month. The staff liaison shared that Sidonia Giiblisco has been appointed as the Chapel Hill Youth Council liaison.

Petitions

None.

Approval of Minutes

Review and Approval of February 12, 2019 Draft Action Minutes

[\[19-0212\]](#)

A motion was made by Kim, seconded by Wallace, that the draft action minutes for February 12, 2019 be approved as written. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (7-0).

Updates from the Chair

No additional updates beyond what was shared during announcements.

Special Presentation

Planning Director, Ben Hitchings, gave a brief presentation introducing the Town's plans to establish new zoning in the Historic Rogers Road Area and invited the Board to participate on March 19th in the Council Chambers from 6-7 p.m. (drop-in session) and 7-8 p.m. (presentation to the Planning Commission). Director Hitchings also shared a brief update about the Eastowne Master Plan, noting the interest in having the Board appoint representatives for that 18-24 month process. The kickoff meeting will take place on March 25th at the Library.

Update on Zoning for Historic Rogers Road Area

[\[19-0213\]](#)

Old Business

Continue discussing Bee City USA petition from Epilson Eta
Environmental Honors Fraternity

[\[19-0214\]](#)

The item was postponed to April.

New Business

Appoint representatives for the Eastowne Master Plan and
Development Agreement review process

[\[19-0215\]](#)

A motion was made by Ames, seconded by Kim, that Member Henkel be appointed to serve as the Board's representative for the Eastowne Master Planning and Development Agreement process. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (7-0). Member Ames volunteered to serve as a backup.

Representatives will attend joint advisory board meetings, receive information about the Eastowne Master Plan process, provide general feedback and report any relevant information to the Board. The Eastowne process will also include updates to the full Board and Council Member Gu stressed that any

Board member is invited and welcome to attend the meetings for Eastowne. The interest in appointing a member is to ensure that the Board will be represented at all meetings going forward.

Staff Updates/Reports

Status of Board and Resident Petitions

[\[19-0216\]](#)

The staff liaison provided the following updates about the petitions that the Board has generated or received since December:

- On February 28th, consistent with the Board's action at the February meeting, the Chair sent an email to the Mayor and Council that included Dr. Rubinoff's letter in support of a Climate Action Plan.
- On March 6th, the Council received the Board's petition about requiring roof-mounted solar for new construction and renovations within the Blue Hill District. That petition was received and referred to the Mayor and Council for formal review.
- At the April 10th Council Business Meeting, Ms. Kim Piracci is scheduled to present the Climate Reality Group's petition regarding a commitment to 100% renewable energy by 2050.

In addition to the updates above, the staff liaison provided the Board with a draft memo outlining the options available to Council regarding the Board's December petition to require roof-mounted solar for all new construction and renovations in Chapel Hill. The Board provided the following feedback:

A motion was made by Henkel, seconded by Kim, to (1) recommend that the Council modify the existing energy policy to include an expectation that developers provide roof-mounted solar in accordance with the petition; and (2) that this action be used to inform how a future ordinance change might be formulated to incorporate incentives. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (7-0).

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ames, seconded by Wallace, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (7-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

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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