



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, January 8, 2019

7:00 PM

RM 233 | 2nd Floor Training Room

Roll Call

The meeting was rescheduled from December.

The meeting opened at 7:08 PM.

Others Attendees: Council Member Gu, Kim Piracci, Steve Salmony, Kathryn Hasty, Erica Wood, Emily Cameron (staff), John Richardson (staff liaison)

Present 8 - Chair Adrienne Tucker, Vice-Chair Mary Metcalf, John Wallace, E. Thomas Henkel, Gregory Ames, Hui Ding, Heidi Kim, and Bruce Sinclair

Absent 1 - Jericho Cook

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Henkel, seconded by Vice-Chair Metcalf, that the agenda be approved as proposed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (6-0).

Announcements

None.

Petitions

Member Ding arrived.

Fossil Fuel Reduction Commitment

[\[19-0016\]](#)

A motion was made by Ames, seconded by Wallace, that the petition be

received and added to the February agenda for further discussion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (7-0).

On behalf of the Climate Reality Group, Ms. Kim Piracci, Steve Salmony, and Kathryn Hasty presented a petition in support of a state and national goal of 100% clean renewable energy by 2050, and the creation of green jobs. The petitioners stated that the proposal is supported and based upon the Jacobson Plan. They also recommended the book, Drawdown. The petitioners asked that the ESAB consider endorsing the petition and asking the Town Council for their consideration and adoption.

Petition from Member Henkel

[\[18-1028\]](#)

A motion was made by Henkel, seconded by Vice-Chair Metcalf, that the petition be approved and presented to Council for its review and consideration. The motion carried by a vote of 6-1.

Member Sinclair again noted his support for solar, but similar to the last solar petition to Council voted against the proposal citing concerns about requiring it of all buildings regardless of feasibility or suitability to the project. He noted that such a requirement could limit the range of options available to a developer for otherwise meeting the Town's energy efficiency and conservation goals.

Climate Action Planning

[\[19-0024\]](#)

A motion was made by Henkel, seconded by Kim, that the Petition was received and added to the February agenda for further discussion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (7-0).

The staff liaison shared a summary of the petition. The Board discussed the benefits of having a cohesive document or web page that summarizes the Town's Climate Action Planning.

Approval of Minutes

November 13, 2018 Draft Action Minutes

[\[18-1029\]](#)

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

Updates from the Chair

Solar Petition

[\[18-1030\]](#)

The Chair noted that the Board's rooftop solar petition was received and referred by the Council. The staff liaison shared that staff is now in the process of evaluating it and plans to have a report to share with the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Old Business

Continue discussing tree ordinance provisions

[\[18-1031\]](#)

The Town's Landscape Architect, Emily Cameron, discussed the process for applying the Town's tree ordinance regulations to development applications. She also answered additional questions about timber harvesting permits.

Members Kim and Henkel left the meeting.

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

[\[18-1032\]](#)

Ahead of the meeting, Member Sinclair shared some additional details about the application process and time commitment associated with this. The staff liaison will reach out to the students about returning in March.

New Business

Develop list of top 3 Board priorities for 2019

[\[18-1033\]](#)

A motion was made by Wallace, seconded by Ames, that the Board's list of 2019 priorities be approved and shared with the Mayor's Office. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (7-0).

Reports

Update on August 14 Petition about Sidewalk Maintenance and Tree Protection in Southern Village

[\[18-1034\]](#)

The staff liaison shared the petitioner's appreciation for the Public Works Department's creation of new standard operating procedures that include best practices for sidewalk maintenance and tree protection. The Board noted its

appreciation for the thoughtful manner in which Mr. Christian, the petitioner, shared his concerns and ideas.

Update to the Advisory Board Policy, including new Board seat for Stormwater Advocacy

[\[18-1035\]](#)

The staff liaison highlighted two key updates to the Council's Advisory Board Policy: (1) unexcused absences, (2) a new Stormwater Advocate seat.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ames, seconded by Ding, that the motion to adjourn be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (7-0).

Next meeting scheduled for February 12, 2019

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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