



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
Hui Ding
E. Thomas Henkel

Julie McClintock
Noel Myers
Bruce Sinclair
John Wallace

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

7:00 PM

RM 233 | 2nd Floor Training Room

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call

Others in Attendance: Council Member Gu, Pamela Schultz, Brooke Massa, Julie Tuttle and John Richardson (Staff Liaison)

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

Absent 1 - Noel Myers

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ames, seconded by Henkel, that the agenda be approved with the amendment to move the discussion of the Orange County Climate Committee to New Business. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (7-0).

Announcements

Petitions

Pamela Schultz, on behalf of the Stormwater Utility Management Advisory Board, petitioned the ESAB to consider working with or in addition to the Stormwater Utility Advisory Board to support the preservation of the northern 20 acres of the Eastowne Master Plan site. Member Henkel noted that the ESAB has made a similar statement of recommendation as part earlier feedback about the project.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Metcalf, seconded by Ames, to state for the record that the ESAB supports the intent of the Stormwater Utility Advisory Board's petition to preserve and protect the entirety of the Natural Heritage Area on the Eastowne site. The motion carried by a vote of 6-1. Member Sinclair noted his

discomfort in voting on something he had just received without time to consider it more fully.

Approval of Minutes

Review and Approval of October 8, 2019 Draft Action Minutes

[\[19-0926\]](#)

A motion was made by McClintock, seconded by Wallace, that the October 8 meeting minutes be approved, as written. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (7-0).

Updates from the Chair

Chair Tucker announced that Town E-News is a great way to stay up to date on what's happening around the Town. She also noted that Boards can have more than three minutes at Council (if requested), and that the tree of the year nominations are being accepted.

Updates from the Planning Commission Champion

None.

Old Business

None

New Business

Presentation on the Eno-New Hope Landscape Conservation Plan (Brooke Massa, Land Conservation Biologist with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission)

[\[19-0927\]](#)

Brooke Massa, a Land Conservation Biologist with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, presented information about the Eno-New Hope Landscape Conservation Plan. Julie Tuttle, lead ecologist for the Plan, was also in attendance. The Plan centers on wildlife corridor habitat protection, within and across jurisdictional boundaries. Ms. Massa shared some recommendations on how jurisdictions can take action to support and protect these important natural areas. The Plan will be unveiled at the 2019 Environmental Summit on Wednesday, December 4th from 9 am to 12 pm.

Review and Feedback on Draft Focus Area Maps and Principles for the Future Land Use Map Project (Alisa Duffey Rogers, Land use Management Ordinance Project Manager)

[\[19-0928\]](#)

Dr. Ding arrived.

Alisa Duffey Rogers, Land Use Management Ordinance Project Manager for

the Town, presented information about the Draft Focus Area Maps and Principles for the Future Land Use Map Project.

Ms. Rogers noted that the FLUM has a habitat corridors map. She also noted the environmental principles that have been drafted (e.g., tree canopy growth, energy efficient buildings, etc.). There is an online portal available for commenting, and the information is scheduled to return to Council on November 20th.

The Board expressed the importance of connecting land use and transportation planning as part of the 2049 time horizon (e.g., bus rapid transit, 15-501 design). There were questions about why we would plan for greater density in areas of town that are prone to flooding. Staff responded by saying that there limits to restricting land use in these areas and in places like Blue Hill there are opportunities to get more stormwater controls through redevelopment. Members agreed that they would share any additional, individual ideas with the staff liaison.

Nominations and Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2019-2020

[\[19-0929\]](#)

Adrienne Tucker announced that she was willing to stay on as Chair. Mary Metcalf indicated that she was willing to stay on as Vice Chair.

A motion was made by Wallace, seconded by Henkel, that Adrienne Tucker and Mary Metcalf be named Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (8-0).

Staff Updates/Reports

The staff liaison shared updates about the Board/Commission Policy and the timing of the Climate Action & Response Plan.

Jeanette Bench shared a collaborative interest between the ESAB and the Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission. Interest was expressed by the members to further explore opportunities for collaboration.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Henkel, seconded by Vice-Chair Metcalf, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (8-0). The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 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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