



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
Julie McClintock
Noel Myers
Bruce Sinclair
John Wallace

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

7:00 PM

RM 233 | 2nd Floor Training Room

Opening

The meeting opened at 7:03 pm.

Roll Call

Others Present: Council Member Hongin Gu, John Richardson (Staff Liaison)

Present 9 - Chair Adrienne Tucker, Vice-Chair Mary Metcalf, Gregory Ames, Hui Ding, E. Thomas Henkel, Julie McClintock, Noel Myers, Bruce Sinclair, and John Wallace

Absent 1 - Jericho Cook

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Member Wallace, seconded by Member Ames, that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (9-0).

Announcements

Member McClintock announced the Chapel Hill Alliance for a Livable Town (CHALT) Climate Change Forum on 9/16/19 at the Seymour Center on Homestead Rd. Member McClintock also announced that Stormwater staff member, Allison Weakley, is involved in a working group that will soon release a report on Eno-New Hope Landscape Conservation Plan.

Petitions

None.

Approval of Minutes

Draft Action Minutes

[\[19-0724\]](#)

A motion was made by Member Ames, seconded by Vice-Chair Metcalf, that the draft action minutes be approved as written. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (9-0).

Old Business

None.

New Business

Updates from Members and Staff about Eastowne Master Plan/Development Agreement

[\[19-0725\]](#)

Member McClintock shared that she participated in one of the site tours and found the undeveloped 20 acres to be a lovely property worthy of protection. Member McClintock also expressed an interest that the negotiation include more information to help create a detailed framework for negotiation. Council Member Gu shared that more information is needed regarding traffic, the environment and a market study. Council Member Gu also talked about the importance of a clear vision for the property. Member Henkel said that he attended the Joint Advisory Board meeting and continued to advocate for the AIA 2030 building performance standard. The members said it will also be important to understand the potential stormwater impacts from changes to the property overtime. Overall, members agreed that a good goal for the project should be a positive outcome for both the community and UNC Health Care.

Staff Reports/Updates

Community Tree Program and Tree Protection Update

[\[19-0726\]](#)

The staff liaison shared the following updates:

- * In June, the Mayor's Office launched a Community Tree Program
- * The goal is plant 200 or more trees in honor of Chapel Hill's bicentennial
- * Many of these plantings will happen as part of a new Arbor Week in November, expanding on the Town's annual commitment to Arbor Day

The staff liaison invited the members to think about how their interest in tree protection might expand to include tree plantings.

Climate Action & Response Plan

[\[19-0727\]](#)

The staff liaison shared that there will be an update to the full Council on 9/25/19. He explained that the Plan will focus on:

- * Both "action" (carbon reduction/mitigation) and "response" (adaptation)
- * The top 10-20 actions for community and Town operations
- * An analysis of costs, benefits and other impacts include climate justice

The staff liaison noted that the Plan will be complete by no later than June of 2020 and the staff climate action team was in the process of selecting a consultant.

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Update on Climate Petitions

[\[19-0728\]](#)

The staff liaison shared that staff will be bringing forward a response to Council on 9/25/19. He explained that staff is looking to balance aspirational goals (100% clean, renewable energy community-wide by 2050) with the Town's ability to affect change at the community scale.

A motion was made by Member Henkel, seconded by Member Metcalf, to acknowledge that in addition to previously reviewing and supporting the Climate Reality Group petition, the Board also reviewed the Orange/Chatham Group of the Sierra Club petition and expressed supportive for having the information be considered as part of the climate action planning process. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (9-0).

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Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Henkel, seconded by Vice-Chair Metcalf, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (9-0). The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 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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