



# 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

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**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**                      **7:00 PM**                      **RM 233 | 2nd Floor Training Room**

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### Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

### Roll Call

Others in Attendance: Hongbin Gu (Council Member), John Richardson (Staff Liaison)

- Present**            8 - Chair Adrienne Tucker, Vice-Chair Mary Metcalf, Gregory Ames, E. Thomas Henkel, Julie McClintock, Noel Myers, Bruce Sinclair, and John Wallace
- Absent**            1 - Hui Ding

### Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Member Wallace, seconded by Vice-Chair Metcalf, that the agenda be approved as amended to add a petition. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (8-0). The petition was discussed under the petitions section of the agenda.

### Announcements

Chair Tucker announced that Orange County is now recycling #1 clam shells.

### Petitions

Regarding the Eastowne project, Member McClintock introduced a petition to request all state/federal permit application materials from UNC Health Care so that the ESAB can review them.

A motion was made by Member Wallace, seconded by Member Ames, to have staff retrieve the available application materials. The vote carried unanimously (8-0).

### Approval of Minutes

## Draft Action Minutes

[\[20-0052\]](#)

A motion was made by Member Ames, seconded by Member Wallace, that the November 12, 2019 draft action minutes be approved as written. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (8-0).

**Updates from the Chair**

No additional updates after announcements.

**Updates from the Planning Board Champion**

Planning Commission Champion, Melissa McCullough, shared that the Commission's subcommittee for the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) project has submitted a recommendation to the Town Council. The FLUM serves as guidance for future land uses and development patterns in Chapel Hill out to the year 2049. McCullough noted the Commission's stated concern about climate change and the ways that land use decisions play a role in our community's carbon footprint.

Member McCullough also discussed recent recommended improvements to the Blue Hill District, specifically standards for building massing and pass-throughs.

Member Henkel expressed an interest in integrating the FLUM and the Climate Action Plan. Although no official motion was made, this suggestion was met with support from other members of the ESAB.

**Old Business**

Review the County Climate Committee List of Ideas

[\[20-0053\]](#)

In reviewing the list of draft actions for the County Climate Committee, Member Henkel recommended taking action in areas where local governments have control and authority. Member Ames asked about the Committee's timeline and staff noted that specific timing hasn't been finalized. Because there isn't a budget for implementation, the Staff Liaison shared that consistent County-wide policy and operational practices may be good, early opportunities.

**New Business**

Develop list of top 3 Board priorities for 2020

[\[20-0054\]](#)

A motion was made by Member Henkel, seconded by Member Myers, that the new list of fiscal year 20-21 Board Priorities be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (8-0).

Board Priorities:

- ESAB will investigate community concerns brought to the Board, including:
  - tree preservation and planting
  - habitat corridors
  - native plantings
  - green infrastructure and living walls
  - the promotion of vegetation that supports pollinators
  
- ESAB will explore ways to support the implementation of the Climate Action and Response Plan, with specific attention to incentivizing AIA 2030 fossil fuel reduction targets for all new development.
  
- ESAB is committed to public outreach and promoting greater environmental awareness.

### **Staff Updates/Reports**

Member Henkel provided a report about the Eastowne project, noting concern for UNC Healthcare's desire to build on the undeveloped, northern 20 acres of the site. Member Henkel also mentioned the possibility of there being less housing for employees if the northern 20 acres is not developed.

#### *Adjournment*

Next Meeting - DATE

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Metcalf, seconded by Member Wallace, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (8-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 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](mailto:planning@townofchapelhill.org) for more information on the above referenced applications.*

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