



# TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

## Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board

### Meeting Minutes

Town Hall  
405 Martin Luther King Jr.  
Boulevard  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Chair Mary Metcalf  
Vice-Chair Adrienne Tucker  
Grace Elliott  
Julie Gras-najjar  
E. Thomas Henkel

Julie McClintock  
Marirosa Molina  
Noel Myers  
Bruce Sinclair  
Lucy T Vanderkamp

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**Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

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#### **1 Virtual Meeting Orientation**

#### **2 Opening**

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

#### **3 Roll Call**

Other Attendees: John Morris and Edward Marshall (Booker Creek Neighborhood Preservation Alliance), Louie Rivers (Planning Commission Champion), Lorissa Zhou (Youth Council), John Richardson (Staff Liaison)

**Present** 8 - Chair Mary Metcalf, Vice-Chair Adrienne Tucker, Grace Elliott, E. Thomas Henkel, Julie McClintock, Marirosa Molina, Bruce Sinclair, and Lucy Vanderkamp

**Absent** 2 - Julie Gras-Najjar, and Noel Myers

#### **4 Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Member Henkel, seconded by Member Vanderkamp, to approve the agenda as written. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Mary Metcalf, Vice-Chair Adrienne Tucker, Grace Elliott, E. Thomas Henkel, Julie McClintock, Bruce Sinclair, and Lucy Vanderkamp

**Excused:** 1 - Marirosa Molina

#### **5 Announcements**

Member Molina arrived.

The Chair provided an update about Member Gras-Najjar's resignation and willingness to continue serving until the seat is filled. The Chair also explained the need for recruitment of new applicants, so the process could take until late spring.

The Staff Liaison recognized Member Henkel's petition. See Petitions section below for details.

The Stormwater Advocate, Member McClintock, noted that the Mayor and Council have appointed a Working Group for Booker Creek and asked to make sure there is a rep going to the meetings. The Chair noted that Noel Myers is the rep and has been in touch with the Mayor. Louie Rivers confirmed this.

## **6 Petitions**

Member Henkel submitted a petition to the ESAB aimed at increasing the electrification of Chapel Hill buildings and vehicles, both municipal and private. Member Henkel asked that this be discussed at the next meeting.

## **7 Updates from the Chair**

See announcements above.

## **8 Updates from the Planning Commission Champion**

None.

## **9 Approval of Minutes**

### **a) Review Draft Action Minutes**

[\[TMP-3745\]](#)

A motion was made by Member Sinclair, seconded by Vice-Chair Tucker, that the September 23, 2021 Draft Action Minutes be approved as written. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Mary Metcalf, Vice-Chair Adrienne Tucker, Grace Elliott, E. Thomas Henkel, Julie McClintock, Marirosa Molina, Bruce Sinclair, and Lucy Vanderkamp

## **10 Old Business**

### **a) Continue discussing Booker Creek Neighborhoods Preservation Alliance petition**

[\[TMP-3746\]](#)

Dr. Marshall talked about the importance of a more comprehensive approach to stormwater management, including the use of green infrastructure. Mr. John Morris provided an update on the Booker Creek Working Group. Mr. Morris described the new storage project at Eastgate as helping with 25-year storm, but perhaps not larger storms. Mr. Morris would like to see more flood proofing and noted that it could take a combination of techniques to address this need.

The Staff Liaison described the Climate Action and Response Plan

implementation item that focuses on a new green infrastructure ordinance. Louie Rivers stressed the importance of racial equity when planning for green infrastructure and offered to share more with the Board at a later time.

Member McClintock talked about buyout programs for private property and the role that this can play in flood mitigation. Member Vanderkamp asked for clarification about why the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board needs to address this topic in addition to staff and the Stormwater Utility Advisory Board. The Chair closed by saying the ESAB would consider thinking about the information, perspectives and questions shared.

## **11 Staff Updates/Reports**

### **a) Staff Liaison Provides Update on FY22 & 23 Climate Action Implementation Plan**

[\[TMP-3748\]](#)

Staff Liaison provided the ESAB with a report about the FY22 & 23 Climate Action Implementation Plan. Staff will continue providing updates about the plan going forward. Members asked about the possibility of enabling legislation around incentives versus regulations and what kind of metrics are being explored for connectivity. The Staff Liaison mentioned that enabling legislation is something the Town has done in the past and could do again. The Liaison talked about VMT and bike counters as examples of indicators for mobility and mode shifts.

## **12 Adjournment**

A motion was made by Member McClintock, seconded by Member Henkel, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote and the meeting ended at 8:45 PM:

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Mary Metcalf, Vice-Chair Adrienne Tucker, Grace Elliott, E. Thomas Henkel, Julie McClintock, Marirosa Molina, Bruce Sinclair, and Lucy Vanderkamp

*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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