

**TOWN OF CARRBORO
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD – SUMMARY**



Meeting on May 2, 2019, 7:00 pm, Town Hall Planning Department

Board Members	Guests		Staff
Sonia Desai (Vice-Chair)	Jackson Bradford (EAB Applicant)	Barbara Stenross	Laura Janway
Bruce Sinclair	Kristen Vitro (EAB Applicant)	Margaret Herring	Trish McGuire
Lyndsay Gavin	William Blau	Dan Jewell (Coulter Jewel Thames P.A.)	Board of Aldermen Liaison
Jeanette O'Connor	Alan Waibel		Sammy Slade
Kathy Kaufman	Becky Waibel		

Note: Absent/Excused: Tim Turner (Chair)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm by Vice-Chair Sonia Desai.

Approval of Minutes – April 4, 2019 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes for the April 4, 2019 meeting, subject to the edit noted by Desai to add information regarding discussions about the Green Growth Toolbox, having an ecologist evaluate the property proposed for FLX Zoning, and to ask the Town Attorney about the ability of the Town to amend the Land Use Ordinance, was made by Sinclair and seconded by Kaufman. All members voted in favor of approval.

Discussion Items

Bee City USA Discussion

Alan Waibel presented his draft flyer to the EAB about the harm of spraying for mosquitoes to native pollinators. Guest William Blau mentioned that he is in support of these ideas, but something to consider is that people may be concerned about the possibility of tropical diseases and that educational material should address this topic. Kaufman made a motion, seconded by Sinclair, to extend an invitation to Mr. Waibel to present information about this topic during the annual Father's Day movie event held by the Town to celebrate Pollinator Week. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Joint Review: Concept Plan for 201 North Greensboro Street

The EAB attended Joint Review to hear a presentation on the Concept Plan for 201 North Greensboro Street.

Action Item

Review Comments for 201 North Greensboro Street Concept Plan

The EAB discussed the 201 North Greensboro Street Concept Plan with Dan Jewell. The EAB prepared recommendations on the following topics:

- Green roofs
- Solar PV panels on roof or over parking lot. Investigating purchasing and leasing methodologies for solar implementation.
- EV charging stations
- Native plants and shading
- Stormwater biofiltration
- Transportation demand management

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- Providing a shower in the building to encourage biking/walking
 - Pervious paving
 - Reduced nighttime lighting.
 - Strive for ASHRAE 2030.
 - Use Low VOC materials.

Guest Kristen Vitro made a comment to recommend pervious paving in the parking lot. Kaufman made a motion to approve the draft recommendations, seconded by O'Connor. Sinclair, O'Connor, Kaufman, and Gavin voted in favor of approving the recommendations. Desai voted against approving the recommendations due to a need for answers to additional questions about the development.

Discussion Items Continued

Desai stated that she would like to discuss studying the urban heat island effect, air pollution, and other pollution loads, and coordinate this information with health surveys. Kaufman motioned to add this topic to a future agenda for discussion, seconded by O'Connor. All voted in favor.

Determine Pollinator Garden Maintenance Schedule

The EAB agreed to meet to maintain the Pollinator Garden at 8 am on May 10th, 2019.

Community Climate Action Plan: Green Neighborhoods Discussion

The EAB discussed Community Integration Recommendation #3: Create Green Neighborhood Program from the Community Climate Action Plan. Guest Barbara Stenross had a question about how the neighborhoods would be formed. She mentioned that her neighborhood, Plantation Acres, already has a neighborhood identity and listserv that would help with communication. Guest Kristen Vitro mentioned that a metrics-based evaluation of all actions has positive and negative aspects, and that the Town should focus less on itemizing Green Neighborhood projects and focus more on engagement levels and other successes related to the project.

Discussion of Ecological Information Related to the Primary Draft Ordinance, Master Plan, and Petition to Rezone Property at Old NC 86 and Eubanks Road to a Site Specific, Flexible Zoning District (FLX)

The EAB discussed ecological information related to the Primary Draft Ordinance, Master Plan, and Petition to Rezone Property at Old NC 86 and Eubanks Road to a Site Specific, Flexible Zoning District (FLX). Kaufman made a motion, seconded by O'Connor, to ask the developer for the soil study performed on the site. Guest Barbara Stenross mentioned that the ordinance for the FLX site can have requirements beyond the ones in the Town's Land Use Ordinance.

A motion was made by Kaufman, seconded by O'Connor, to request that the Board of Aldermen ask the developer to allow experts, such as those from the Natural Heritage Program, to perform ecological surveys of the site to evaluate the hydrological connections, extent of natural areas, and wildlife. Gavin, O'Connor, Desai, and Kaufman voted in favor of the motion. Sinclair voted against the motion as he would like the EAB spend less time discussing this item.

Desai announced that she has corresponded with Guy Meilleur and he would like to discuss the Southern Centurion Post Oak Tree with the EAB. O'Connor made a motion, seconded by Gavin, that Mr. Meilleur contact staff to add this discussion to a future EAB agenda. All members voted in favor.

Kaufman made a motion to discuss the Community Climate Action Plan at a future meeting, seconded by O'Connor. All members voted in favor.

Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Sinclair, seconded by O'Connor, with all members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 pm. The next meeting will be on June 6, 2019.