

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD

November 2009

Regular Meeting

Municipal Building, Training Room

November 5, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
 - 1. Introduction of EQAB members and recognition of visitors
 - 2. Recognition of Recording Secretary:
 - 3. Amendments to the Agenda
 - 4. Announcements
- B. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting Held October 1, 2009
- C. Action Items Update
- D. Presentations
- E. High School Representatives (Mike Burns, Courtney Walls)
- F. Report on DOE-related matters (from EQAB Regulatory Oversight Committee and DOE representative David Page)
- G. Communications
- H. City Staff (Athanasia Senecal)
- I. Planning Commission (Chuck Agle)
- J. Special Projects
 - 1. Sustainability (Green) Initiative
 - 2. Outdoor Burning
 - 3. EQAB Website
- K. Reports on External Organizations
 - 1. Local Oversight Committee/CAP (LOC)
 - 2. Anderson County Solid Waste
 - 3. Other Projects
- L. Unfinished Business
 - 1.
- M. New Business
 - 1. Oak Ridge Rotary Club Presentation
 - 2.
- N. Adjournment

EQAB Work Session Schedule

Below is a list of upcoming meetings for EQAB:

Monday 11/23/09 Work Session with City Council regarding progress on the sustainability report

Noteworthy Public Meetings/Events

Saturday, November 7, 9 AM to 1 PM: Oak Ridge Cedar Barren State Natural Area Work Day; Jefferson Middle School

cc: City Manager
City Clerk
Amy Fitzgerald
Athanasia Senecal
Laura Davis, Fire Dept.
Steve Byrd, City Engineer
Oak Ridger
News-Sentinel
Oak Ridge Observer

First Draft of Minutes for Environmental Quality Advisory Board, October 1, 2009

Members Present

Boyd Carter
Chuck Agle
James Groton
Patricia Imperato
Robert Kennedy
Joan Nelson
Fred Stephens
Joseph Wood
Courtney Walls (spelling correction needed on the attendance record)
Mike Burns

Members Absent

Pat Fain, Excused
Bruce Nigh

Also Present

Athanasia Senecal, Staff
David Page, DOE representative
Judy Mason, League of Women Voters

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.

Agenda was accepted with Jimmy Groton adding one item under Unfinished Business, National Invasive Species Awareness Week.

Minutes from the August meeting were approved after some discussion and changes. Jimmy Groton will submit the final approved minutes.

Joe Wood explained a new system for updating the Action Items. Joe will print one form to be passed around at each official meeting. Members will make notations and update the form and Joe will incorporate this information, along with Action Items from the minutes of each meeting, and post it on the list serve. Some discussion followed.

Courtney Walls reported that the Key Club at the High School is available to do volunteer work. Courtney is scheduling a meeting with Principal Goins to discuss the recycling program at the high school.

Mike Burns reported that the Environmental Club is presently inactive. Some discussion followed as to the need to reestablish contact with interested teachers at the high school. Mike reported that Ben Terpstra has rescheduled a meeting with Superintendent Bailey to discuss the proposed installation of solar panels on the high school.

David Page gave a report on DOE matters and distributed a fact sheet. In reference to the invasive species issue, he mentioned that Pat Parr is an excellent resource and is currently managing efforts to control and eliminate invasive species on the DOE reservation. He gave us each the latest issue of the Public Involvement News for DOE and encouraged us

to register to receive it.

David reported that the well-respected ASER 2008 report is complete, with the help of the students at Karnes High School. He passed around a volume. The web version is at www.ornl.gov/aser.

David reported that the Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Monitoring Plan has been completed with two updates. One, a dairy location has been identified to participate in monitoring program. Two, mice and voles were captured to analyze cesium uptake and they are waiting for the results.

David reported on upcoming deer hunts and the success of this program in reducing vehicle collisions with deer.

He also mentioned that there will be a public notice about a new facility for uranium production facility that is planned to use and recover highly enriched uranium.

If we need to reach him, call 576-1357 or call the DOE operator and request to speak to him.

Communications noted on the agenda

Staff Report from Athanasia Senecal.

The Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is holding a meeting from 6-8 at the Civic Center to discuss bike ways and pedestrian paths in Oak Ridge. This meeting coincides with EQAB's meeting.

Athanasia attended two conferences recently. ICLEI and TAPA. The City of Oak Ridge received an award at the ICLEI conference for meeting Milestone II. It was suggested that it would be appropriate to present this award to the city during the citizen's input portion of the next City Council Meeting on Oct. 12.

Methodist Medical Center has created a Green Team and will join with our sustainability efforts.

Athanasia will be writing a staff report to clarify plans for the burning issue. (To be addressed more completely later in the meeting.)

Ken Krushinski is researching the legal feasibility of piggybacking on the Knoxville energy audit contract with AMERESCO. (SPELLING)

If EQAB wants to be a presenter for Earth Day Event in 2010 we need to draft a letter to the City Council. Pat Imperato made a motion that EQAB will be a Presenter of Earth Day 2010. Robert Kennedy seconded. It was unanimously approved. Pat Imperato will draft a letter to the City Council and copy the City Manager.

Chuck Agle had no report from the Planning Commission. If needed, he will update us through list serve. There was some discussion about the upcoming report of the marina-waterfront development plans to the City Council.

Pat Imperato reported on the status of the Sustainability Report. The 18th draft of the detailed Plan is available for editing by EQAB members. Discussion followed of the schedule for writing and submitting the report to City Council. At the end of this discussion Pat Imperato made a motion that EQAB request a work session with City Council before the Council meeting in December to discuss the Sustainability Report. Fred Stephens seconded. The motion passed. The date of October 27, 7pm, was set for an EQAB work session to review the completed final draft of the report. The following schedule was set for members to work with Athanasia to write the report:

Oct. 7, 1-5pm.

Oct. 9, 10am-12pm.

Oct. 14, 1-5pm.

Oct. 16, 10am-12pm

Oct. 20-deadline for completion

EQAB members discussed the history and status of the suggested ban on burning in Oak Ridge. A letter of explanation and apology was sent to the Chamber of Commerce. It was suggested that since the stakeholders are now aware of EQAB's recommendation to ban burning that this be included in the Sustainability Report. Fred Stephens moved that the burning issue be included in the full Sustainability Report and that we ask City Council not to take any action at this time. Boyd Carter seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This motion will be included in Athanasia's staff report.

Boyd Carter had no report from LOC.

Jimmy Groton reported that the designation of the last week in February as National Invasive Species Awareness Week will be submitted to the Tennessee Legislature. In a future meeting he will request that EQAB join with TCWP to sponsor this event in Oak Ridge.

Nominations for officers for next year were submitted and officers were elected by acclamation.

Jimmy Groton was nominated by Joe Wood to continue to serve as President

Robert Kennedy was nominated by Boyd Carter to continue to serve as Vice President

Joan Nelson was nominated by Pat Imperato to serve as Secretary.

Meeting was adjourned.