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



Meeting on June 19, 2019, 7:00 pm, Town Hall Planning Department

Board Members	Guests	Board of Aldermen Liaison
Tim Turner (Chair)	Liane Salgado	Sammy Slade
Lyndsay Gavin	Christine Schalkoff	
Kathy Kaufman	Piper Honigmann	Staff
Jeanette O'Connor	Barbara Stenross	Laura Janway

Note: Absent/Excused: Bruce Sinclair, Sonia Desai (Vice-Chair), Keith Barnhouse

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm by Chair Tim Turner.

Approval of Minutes – June 6, 2019 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes for the June 6, 2019 meeting was made by O'Connor and seconded by Kaufman. All members voted in favor of approval.

Discussion Items

Community Climate Action Plan: EAB Prioritization of Recommendations

The EAB discussed the community climate action plan and discussed designing projects that would be ready for potential Federal funding in 2020. Kaufman encouraged all members to read the plan and guest Salgado asked if the EAB will be prioritizing the recommendations.

EAB members decided that each member should read one section of the Community Climate Action Plan and sort projects into three groups:

1. Projects that could be implemented at this time with current resources.
2. Projects that could be implemented with new legislation.
3. Projects that could be implemented with additional funding.

EAB members discussed several items, including the need for an environmental justice section in the Community Climate Action Plan, solar leasing, energy audits, and forming a utility. Chair Turner mentioned that the EAB should consider large-scale projects as well as small incremental projects. EAB members also discussed how to determine the scope of their work and determine what the end result would be for each meeting.

Alderman Slade stated the need to match the current Community Climate Action Plan to a 10-year budget and stated that he will be formally asking the Board of Aldermen to adopt a Resolution directing staff on this matter.

The EAB discussed incentivizing lower energy use in buildings, framing actions using economic reasoning, and creating a rewards program for green builders. Guest Salgado discussed USDA rural loans as well as the recently-passed tax increase in Orange County and its potential use to increase energy efficiency in low-income housing.

Guest Stenross asked if the EAB had the authority to ask for changes in ordinances related to stormwater management to require developers to absorb the cost of increased stormwater requirements. Alderman Slade stated that there has been a presentation from staff before the Board of Aldermen on this matter.

Gavin mentioned that the EAB could have a climate action champion on each advisory board. The EAB divided up

sections of the Community Climate Action Plan to sort into categories. The consensus was as follows: Kaufman will sort energy efficiency and renewable energy measures, Turner will look at an overall view, O'Connor will sort ecological recommendations and community integration, and Gavin will sort transportation and food choices. Guest Schalkoff stated that she will research environmental justice and guest Stenross stated that she will research invasive species.

Guest Salgado stated that some residents equate the issue of invasive plant and animal species with xenophobia. Chair Turner stated that he would like one EAB member to look at outreach. Chair Turner also mentioned solar heating water tanks and guest Salgado stated that it is necessary to build radiant heating into a house when it is built.

Alderman Slade stated that the discussion should include broad land-use planning and beyond mitigation of climate change, the EAB may want to consider how to address the reality that the climate may have reached a tipping point. Guest Schalkoff stated that her program works on moving from individual behavior changes to systems thinking. Guest Honigmann would like to help after the EAB members have sorted their projects into categories.

O'Connor mentioned the need to reach out to refugees. Guest Salgado mentioned the possibility of working with El Centro Hispano.

Chair Turner mentioned that the EAB could invite guests to the meetings for specific discussions from 7:00-7:30 pm. The EAB discussed increasing their normal meeting time by one hour or whether they would like to meet a second time each month. Kaufman stated that there is interest for a separate climate board.

The EAB decided to meet in late July to discuss items in the Community Climate Action Plan that could be implemented at this time using current resources and discuss time frames and budgets for these items.

Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Gavin and seconded by O'Connor, with all members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm. The next meeting will be a Special Meeting on July 24, 2019.