



Meeting on **December 4th, 2003** at 7:00 p.m.
At the Carrboro Town Hall
Carrboro, North Carolina

Minutes

Board Members Present

Rickie White
Mike Mathews
Bill Rehm
Neil Flanagan
Kathy Buck

Board Members Unable to Attend

Keith Burwell(excused absence)
Glynis Gore (excused absence)

Staff Present

Jeff Kleaveland, Planning Zoning Development Specialist

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Call to Order/Opening Comments. The meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was called to order by chair, Rickie White at 7:09 pm.

Approval of Minutes.

Minutes from the November 6th meeting were unanimously approved.

Announcements, Introductions, and Agenda Review

Two additional items to be discussed in the “other business” section of the agenda: 1) Nomination of new chair after expiration of term and, 2) Merritt Mill Apartments Walkabout report from Rehm.

Owen’s Lab Joint Review Recap

This item removed from agenda; no further discussion required. White requested staff that such old items be removed from the agenda.

Stream Monitoring update

This item was tabled. The committee, however, requested that the staff look into the Town records of the project regarding volunteers and the data collected to-date.

Greenway Bond Discussion

The recent Greenway bond was briefly discussed; White stated that the EAB’s roll won’t be very great. Buck asked as to whether their was a committee or task force set up for master planning a greenway system; she requested that staff look into this as well as existing plans. It was mentioned that new board member, Mark Chilton, might become the new EAB liaison.

Green Building Guidelines Discussion

Kathy Buck suggested bringing in an architect to discuss the EAB’s proposed Green Building Guide. Rehm thought this idea premature and that more

information should be brought together at the early in the process to avoid narrowing the focus of the manual. It was agreed that Rehm would begin amassing information with the help of White and that this research would be presented to the EAB when sufficient.

Other Business

Rehm and Buck reported on the recent walkabout for the “Merritt Mill Apartments” site located adjacent to the concrete plant. Some discussion ensued about the merits of the proposed vegetated berm. Buck opined that such berms in general are not good design as they fail to appear integral to the site. Rehm opined that the vegetation would provide an effective visual screening from the concrete plant. Stormwater was discussed and the existing proposal which features a large impoundment in a very steep area of the site was considered by Buck and Rehm to be problematical. Buck considered the proposed plan to be “suburban” in style and suggested a more innovative, and urban, solution would be an improvement. She thought other BMP’s should be used to deal with the stormwater. Flannagan concurred with Buck .

Buck made a motion to invite the developer to the EAB for a meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Mathews but was tabled by the committee in favor of a motion made by Rehm (and seconded by Mathews) to prepare a memo for the applicant detailing various design considerations and recommendations and to include at the end of this memo an invitation to the applicant. This motion was unanimously approved.

White mentioned the issue of nominating a new chair to prepare for the expiration of Gore’s term. White requested additional information from staff regarding terms and procedures.

Kathy Buck is on the “Carolina North (aka Horace Williams Tract)” advisory committee. She had a few general comments regarding proposed greenways.

White briefly discussed the issue of hazardous materials and the fire department. He mentioned that such a database would be most useful in fire situations.

Due to the upcoming holidays, **White rescheduled the January meeting to the third week in January, the 15th.**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.