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



Meeting on **January 3rd, 2008** at 6:30 pm, Town Hall

Board Members		Guests	Staff
Tom Cors, Chair	Carolyn Buckner	Matthew Barton	Randy Dodd
Ryan Elting	Bob Taylor	James Carnahan	
Randee Haven O'Donnell	Jennifer Everett	Heidi Paulsen	
Mary Rabinowitz	Andreas Hay	Debra Fritz	

Call to Order

Tom called the meeting to order at ~6:30pm.

He informed the group that the committee has room for a new member.

Green Building

There was a discussion about interest of the Planning Board and EAB in moving forward with a green building initiative. A key constraint seems to be staff availability. Both Boards would like to have staff dedicated to supporting them in addressing green building, and specifically to have the BOA provide direction to staff to dedicate time to this topic. There was also discussion about the potential relative roles of advisory board members and staff. There was considerable discussion about whether the advisory boards can or should develop new (or adopt existing) performance guidance (e.g., LEED) the pros and cons of utilizing LEED; the different types of LEED (neighborhood, residential, commercial); and the need to tie whatever is done with “green building” to carbon footprint, in coordination with the Greenhouse Gas Emission inventory. There was also discussion about the need to have attention focused beyond buildings and on land use and transportation planning, low impact development, and water conservation. The discussion ended with how to coordinate activities between the different advisory boards. There was a desire expressed for a subcommittee to meet monthly and bring subtopics to work sessions of the BOA later in 2008. The possibility of a longer initial working meeting, and then shorter subsequent meetings was mentioned. Board members would be willing to attend another monthly meeting.

Joint Review

EAB members attended the Joint Review for Roberson Square. No resolution was adopted.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting was scheduled for **January 17th, 2008**.