

TOWN OF CARRBORO ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD – SUMMARY



Meeting on **February 7th, 2008** at 6:30 pm, Town Hall

| Board Members | | Staff |
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| Carolyn Buckner, Vice-chair | Absent: Andreas Hay Bob Taylor | Randy Dodd |
| Ryan Elting | | |
| Jennifer Everett | | |
| Randee Haven O'Donnell | | |
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Call to Order

Carolyn called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Minutes were approved for November-January.

Board Retreat: Randee provided a report from the BOA retreat, as summarized below:

The retreat was facilitated by Dr. Phil Boyle from the UNC School of Government

- The BOA discussed public policy through; liberty; prosperity/local wealth; equality; social justice; community; and environment/ conservation. The BOA looked at downtown parking as an exercise in applying the values articulated (not a policy making effort, but a process effort).
- The BOA discussed economic development. Some of the environmentally oriented topics included themes around walkability, "living local" economies, promoting infill, supporting telecommunications, and green building. A living local task force was established. The Economic Development Commission will collaborate with the Environmental Planner. As part of economic development, an analysis of "economic leakage" will be pursued. The EAB might be interested in participating from a carbon footprint perspective. Green entrepreneurship and green collar workforce development, water conservation, and stormwater were also topics of interest.
- Randee felt like there would likely be support for green building, water conservation, and buffer revisions. The Jordan Lake rules will be important for 2008 activities. The EAB has evolved over the years to have a more visible ability to have a role in policy. Randee will be working with county and Economic Sustainability Commission.
- Randee, James Harris, and Dan Coleman will be going to the Business Alliance for Living Local Economies meeting in June.

Staff Report

Randy reported on staff discussions about green building and presented the idea of staff and advisory boards collaborating on a roughly one year workplan that set a schedule and goals and allocated responsibility/leadership for subtopics under green building to different boards and staff. Perhaps a joint meeting to initiate the effort could be scheduled and then roughly quarterly meetings planned for the different interested members to jointly meet. Randy also handed out a survey form to solicit input from EAB members on their personal interests and aspirations for the EAB.

Appointments/Recruiting

The EAB will have three positions open in March. There was a discussion about how to recruit, how quickly to try to fill the positions, and two applications in hand. There was also a suggestion to review the EAB charge.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting was scheduled for **March 6th, 2007**.