

Environmental Advisory Committee Thursday, February 3, 2011

The Environmental Advisory Committee met on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 3:30 pm at the King Street Meeting Room at 100 N. King St.

Committee members present: Dr. Richard DeSimone, Dr. Robert Sweeney, Mr. Jim Fickes, Mr. Richard Freudenbergerr, and Ms. Marijane Pell, and Mr. Jeff Jennings

Staff present: Ms. Megan Piner, Ms. Alexis Baker, Mr. Matt Cable

Guest: Dr. Barbra Barnett

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Committee Vice Chairman Dr. Richard DeSimone called meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

The minutes from January's meeting were approved.

Land Development

Ron sent an email to Chairman Edney about the Committee's recommendations to modify the Land Development Code sometime since the last meeting in January.

Small Area Plans

The Planning Board approved the passage of the Dana Community Plan. The Board of Commissioners will get a preview of the Dana Plan in early March. All other boards and committees that would possibly offer input have seen the Dana Community Plan presentation.

Stormwater and Erosion Control

No updates.

Water Quality

The Mills River Partnership has formed a board of directors; they are in the process of forming a technical advisory committee.

Energy Management

The lighting retrofit is on schedule and the CNG station is complete but not open to the public yet.

Fire Prevention

No updates.

Air Quality

No updates.

Commissioners Meeting

No Updates.

DISCUSSION

A petition was circulated for members to sign, as individuals, asking that the State of North Carolina allow Henderson County to be exempt from State laws that allow logging operations to be exempt from local stormwater and erosion issues. This petition was distributed by ECO and written by property owners in a neighborhood in Flat Rock.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

The next meeting will be March 3, 2011 at 3:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Ms. Megan Piner, MPA mpiner@hendersoncountync.org