

EAC minutes 1/8/09

Present: Anthony Starr, Marcus Jones, Marijane Pell, Larry Rogers, Autumn Radcliff, Rich DeSimone, Dave Lowles, Angela Fernandini, Ron Ehlinger, Tom Davis, Chuck McGrady, Adrienne Outcalt,

Absent: Jeff Jennings, Will Sagar,

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30.

Approval of minutes

Last meeting's minutes were approved unanimously.

Stormwater Master Plan

Marcus Jones spoke about the storm water master plan. He mentioned that draft information on the plan would be ready by the next meeting before going to the Commissioners. He emphasized that the storm water master plan and program are part of a strategic plan. Dave asked for clarification on what issue would be discussed at the Commissioner's budget retreat. Marcus clarified that the energy plan would be under discussion.

Candidates for Membership

Existing vacancies and the recent vacancy caused by Bob Youngblood's death were discussed. Anthony Starr said that the vacancy had been announced at the last Commissioner's meeting. Rich DeSimone mentioned that he knew a potential applicant.

Energy Plan

Marcus mentioned that the contract with Johnson Controls had not made the last Commissioner's meeting as economic issues were the dominant topic. The item was moved to the February 2nd meeting and would be covered there. Marcus clarified that the Board would be approving the RFQ and if it was approved a more detailed proposal would be submitted by Johnson Controls that the EAC would need to endorse. Dave wondered if the current meeting was the time to do that, the rest of the committee disagreed. Marcus said that he would need EAC's endorsement before the next Commissioner's meeting.

Dave asked if EAC members had a chance to review the proposal. Angela Fernandini, Adrienne Outcalt and Rich had. Marcus expressed his confidence in Johnson Controls. Rich asked for clarification on several points in the proposal. There was discussion of those points, and a lengthy discussion of hybrid and fleet vehicles. Angela brought up alternative fuel vehicles and ethanol, and a discussion ensued. Rich made a motion to approve Johnson Controls, Marijane Pell seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Dave asked for a timetable for the contract, and Marcus said that he thought it would probably be summer before a working contract was in order.

Adrienne was asked about utilities, and she presented a report that she had prepared for the Commissioner's budget retreat and explained it.

Other Environmental Issues

Anthony Starr gave an update on recommendations for amendments to the Land Development Code. Dave and Angela wanted some clarifications on the updates, and Chuck McGrady gave his input. Anthony gave an approximate timeline for the land development code amendments. Chuck clarified that it would be on the Commissioner's agenda for scheduling purposes, not actions. He also suggested that the EAC wait for the next planning board recommendation and review it at the next meeting. Dave agreed, and decided that EAC would review the planning board's recommendation at the next EAC meeting. Action on the LDC update was placed on the next meeting's agenda. There was some brief discussion of the next meeting's agenda.

Adjourn

Rich moved to adjourn the meeting, Angela seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 pm.

The next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 3:30 in the 100 North King Street Conference room on Thursday, February 5th 2009.

Respectfully submitted by Adrienne Outcalt.