

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



Meeting on July 24, 2019, 7:00 pm, Town Hall Room 109

Board Members	Guests	Board of Aldermen Liaison
Tim Turner (Chair)	Barbara Stenross	Sammy Slade
Sonia Desai (Vice-Chair)	Joshua Levenson	
Kathy Kaufman	Paul Van Ness	<b>Staff</b>
Jeanette O'Connor		Laura Janway
Bruce Sinclair		

Note: Absent/Excused: Lyndsay Gavin, Keith Barnhouse

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair Tim Turner.

**Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2019 meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes for the June 19, 2019 meeting was made by O'Connor and seconded by Kaufman. All members except Sinclair voted in favor of approval. Sinclair abstained from the vote due to his absence at the 6/19/19 meeting.

**Discussion Items**

**Community Climate Action Plan: EAB Prioritization of Recommendations**

Chair Turner summarized the previous meeting for members who had been absent. At the previous meeting, EAB members decided that each member should read one section of the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) and sort projects into three groups:

1. Projects that could be implemented at this time with current resources.
2. Projects that could be implemented with new legislation.
3. Projects that could be implemented with additional funding.

EAB members began discussing their prioritization of recommendations. O'Connor began by summarizing CCAP Ecosystem Recommendation #1, pursuing a Stormwater Utility, which has been accomplished by the Town. Members then discussed CCAP Ecosystem Recommendation #3 and different methods to promote composting. Guest Van Ness described his experience with using compost at a local community garden and guest Stenross described her experience using a home composting pick-up service. Members then discussed CCAP Ecosystem Recommendation #2. Guest Van Ness stated that he believes the plan should instead focus on the anthropogenic impacts to trees and native plant ecosystems. EAB Members then discussed tree preservation, protection, and management, and Guest Stenross mentioned the New Hope Audubon Society's Bird Friendly Habitats Certification Program.

Kaufman stated that the Town could immediately move forward on CCAP Building Recommendations #4 and #5. EAB members discussed how to incentivize energy efficiency improvements in rental properties and also discussed Buildings Recommendations #2 and #3, as well as the possibility of implementing a green builder recognition program.

EAB members also discussed CCAP Renewable Energy Recommendation #1 and the potential for working with a non-profit to become a community champion. Guest Van Ness stated that the EAB should consider the implications of a society with a zero-carbon footprint.

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EAB members next discussed the potential of geothermal heating and cooling, as well as solar leasing, potential energy efficiency designs for buildings, and electric vehicle charging stations. Guest Van Ness asked about solar panels and also stated that the Town should consider strategic placement of the electric vehicle charging stations. EAB members requested an update on their memo to staff to request the Town start a process to amend the Land Use Ordinance (LUO) to add Electric Vehicle Readiness requirements. EAB members decided to continue the discussion of CCAP Recommendations at the next meeting.

**Adjourn**

The motion to adjourn was made by Kaufman and seconded by Desai, with all members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. The next meeting will be a Special Meeting on August 22, 2019.