

# AGENDA

## Orange County Commission for the Environment

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

7:30 p.m.

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*West Campus Office Building, Room 302, 131 West Margaret Lane, Hillsborough*

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- | <u>Time</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Title</u>  |
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| 7:30        | I.          | <b>Call to Order</b>  |
| 7:32        | II.         | <b>Additions or Changes to Agenda</b>   |
| 7:34        | III.        | <b>Approval of Draft Minutes – January 13, 2019</b><br>The CFE will consider approval of minutes from the last meeting. <u>Action needed</u> (Attachment 1)   |
| 7:35        | IV.         | <b>CFE Activities - 2020</b><br>The CFE will discuss current activities.  |
| 7:50        | V.          | <b>Presentation- Environmental Justice</b><br>A guest speaker or staff will facilitate a discussion among CFE members on ways to promote racial equity in environmental protection.   |
| 8:10        | VI.         | <b>Greene Tract- update</b><br>Hirni will discuss recent developments with the Greene Tract and the partnership between Orange County and the Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro.  |
| 8:20        | VII.        | <b>Committee Meetings</b><br>CFE Committees will break out for discussion.  |
| 8:50        | VIII.       | <b>Updates and Information Items</b><br>Staff and/or CFE members will provide updates on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Letter of Re-appointment and nominations for new CFE appointments (Attachment 2)</li><li>• Earth Evening volunteer opportunity</li></ul> Any other new information from CFE members and staff |
| 9:00        | IX.         | <b>Adjournment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>* Next Meeting: March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ Southern Human Services Center - 2501 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516</i></li></ul>  |

## CFE Activities – 2020

Item	Resp. Party	Next Steps
Fast Facts for a Greener Orange	Bouma	Bouma presented first four tips structured from SOE report. Working with an intern to create a full list from the 2019 SOE. Will be posted to CFE Facebook page and Twitter forums.
Rights-of-Way Subcommittee	Saul	Official formation is pending CFE approval
Review and update of Forest Management Policy	Land Resources	Discussed at Committee breakout; meetings pending
Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory	Ward / Bouma	Working through final edits to data and calculations; will be incorporating staff for comments and planning to include in launching Climate Action Plan.
Climate Action Plan	Ward / Bouma	Initial work has begun to lay out scope and format. Larger effort pending GHG Inventory completion and notification of whether LEED for Cities and Communities Grant was successful.
Carbon Fee and Dividend / Fossil Fuel Divestment Resolution(s)	Ward / Parry	Parry commented on State Treasurers race this year. May serve to hold this to pending election of receptive Treasurer.
Landscape corridor planning	Land Resources	Request presentation by Eno - New Hope Landscape Conservation Group in early 2020.
Idling Campaign	Bouma	Home created for “Driving is Exhausting” on OC Sustainability webpage. Reached out to Orange County schools to explore path for creation of student green team.

### Recent Achievements

- The State of the Environment is complete!
- We helped to host the 2019 Environmental Summit.
- Hosted ecostudio UNC student Kerina Patel researching the successes of the rural buffer
- BOCC unanimously passed our “Best Practices on Roadsides and Rights-of-Way” resolution
- CFE mentioned by County leaders several times during recent Our Climate Resolutions event in Chapel Hill

### CFE Meeting Ground Rules (Adopted 9/12/11)

1. Keep to agenda topic under discussion

2. Share relevant information
3. One person speaks at a time after recognition by the Chair
4. Everyone is invited to participate in discussions - no one person should dominate discussions
5. Strive to reach consensus first before voting

## Orange County Commission for the Environment

### **DRAFT Meeting Summary**

**January 13, 2020; 7:30 pm**

*Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill*

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**Present:** Bradley Saul (Chair), Bill Ward, James Eichel, Jody Eimers, Kim Piracci, Alan Parry, Carrie Fletcher, Jeremy Marzuola

**Absent:** Lynne Gronback, Laura Doherty

**Staff:** Brennan Bouma, Chris Hirni, Wesley Poole, Commissioner Jamezetta Bedford

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#### **I. Call to Order**

Saul called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

#### **II. Additions or Changes to Agenda**

Saul requested moving Recruitment discussion to top of agenda.

#### **III. Approval of Draft Minutes from December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Motion by Parry; seconded by Ward; none opposed; motion passed.

#### **IV. Recruitment**

CFE discussed revamped recruitment efforts in regards to five current vacancies and the desire to pursue more diversity in geographic location, ethnicity, race, and age. Staff and CFE members discussed and prioritized efforts as listed.

- Post at County Community Centers- reach out to the non-profit organizers
- Master Gardeners Club and Small Farmer email list serve NC Coop Ext.
- Agriculture Preservation Board- approach Hughes or Pope
- Grad students - MCRP
- Botanical Gardens newsletter
- Chamber of Commerce
- Bo Howes - TLC
- Personally we can each reach out to friends

#### **V. CFE Activities - 2020**

CFE discussed current activities with a brief status update for each item.

#### **VI. Orange County Rights of Way Task Force**

Saul presented the drafted framework document of the formation of a subcommittee/ taskforce under the CFE for approval by CFE. CFE members discussed appropriate member amounts. Eimers proposed one member and an alternate from each stakeholder group to limit excess size. CFE discussed future subject matter for taskforce. Motion to approve by Marzuola; seconded by Piracci; none opposed; motion passed.

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#### **VII. Committee Meetings**

CFE Committees met to discuss the 2020 Work Plan and prioritize goals for the year.

#### **VIII. Updates and Information Items**

- Saul discussed Pirraci's email referring to the North Carolina Climate Change Interagency Council Meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bouma offered information on the meeting.
- Saul discussed 10 week Orange County Government Academy offered and recommended attendance by CFE members. Starts Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Bouma informed CFE that the Climate ¼ cent Tax Prioritization was bumped to the February 4<sup>th</sup> BOCC meeting for final edits and more detailed recommendations.
- Eimers and Saul reiterated the need for CFE to coordinate with County Planning Office staff. Bouma will coordinate.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

Piracci motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm; seconded by Ward; none opposed; motion passed.



Department of Environment,  
Agriculture, Parks & Recreation

February 3, 2020

Ms. Donna Baker  
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners  
200 South Cameron Street  
Hillsborough, NC 27278

Dear Ms. Baker:

Three members of the Commission for the Environment (CFE) had terms that expired on December 31, 2019. All three members have expressed interest in being reappointed; therefore, CFE staff would like to recommend each of them for reappointment to another term. **K. Alan Parry, Carrie Fletcher** and **Bill Ward** have acceptable attendance records and provide valuable insight to the board.

The CFE currently has five vacancies so the CFE Membership Committee (Chair & Vice-Chair) has reviewed the current list of applicants and recommends the following individuals for appointment: **Francis Binkowski** to position #2 (Air Quality), **Kim Livingston** to position #3 (At-Large, formerly Land Resources), **Elizabeth McWhorter** to position #5 (Water Resources), and **Jaya Nair** to position #7 (At-Large). The CFE would benefit greatly from the background of these applicants.

One vacancy will remain for an At-Large position once these positions are filled, however, the Committee does not recommend appointing any of the other applicants at this time. Joint recruitment efforts by the CFE and the Clerk's office will continue in order to fill this remaining position with a qualified applicant.

Sincerely,

Bradley Saul  
Chair, Commission for the Environment

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