

Orange County Commission for the Environment

DRAFT Meeting Summary

January 13, 2020; 7:30 pm

Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill

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

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 10th, 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 22nd. Bouma offered information on the meeting.
- Saul discussed 10 week Orange County Government Academy offered and recommended attendance by CFE members. Starts Tuesday February 18th.
- Bouma informed CFE that the Climate ¼ cent Tax Prioritization was bumped to the February 4th 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.