

Orange County Commission for the Environment

Meeting Summary February 14, 2022; 7:30 pm *Virtual Zoom Meeting*

Present: Kim Piracci, Kim Livingston, Frank Binkowski, Bill Ward, Jaya Nair, Kristie Mather, Carrie Fletcher, Veronica Penn Beattie, Jessie Birkhead, Jane Harris, Elizabeth McWhorter

Absent: James Eichel (excused)

I. Call to Order

Kim Piracci called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

II. Additions or Changes to Agenda

Dave Stancil requested to go ahead and inform the CFE that Brennan Bouma's vacant position had been renamed as Sustainability Project Manager and had been filled by Amy Eckberg. She will start on March 7th and will be active within the CFE.

III. FY 2022-23 Orange County Outside Agency Application

The CFE was asked to review an application from Piedmont Wildlife Center for County funding and provide ranking via the provided Orange County Outside Agency Application Scorecard. David Stancil led the discussion and informed the CFE that they would need to collectively agree on the ranking numbers within the Scorecard. The Piedmont Wildlife Center is requesting \$9,000 from Orange County to support their Earthkeepers Afterschool Program. After considerable discussion, the CFE agreed to recommend that the program receive support and ranked it with a score of 87/100. The Scorecard will be forwarded to the County Manager who will ultimately decide on program funding.

IV. Working Group Review of CFE Bylaws and Policy

Kim Piracci notified the CFE that there was a rules review in progress of the *Orange County Commission for the Environment Policies and Procedures* that was adopted by the BOCC on 11.8.12. This effort is being done to ensure the document is up to date with current *Orange County Board of County Commissioners Advisory Board Policy* and *Rules of Procedure for the Board of County Commissioners*.

V. Opportunities for Earth Day Outreach

David Stancil informed the CFE of the upcoming Earth Evening event to be held in Hillsborough on April 29, 2022. This event is typically in coordination with Hillsborough's Last Fridays event. Bill Ward expressed interest in having a booth set up for his nonprofit, Electrify Orange, at the event. Kim Piracci talked about having a CFE booth at the Carrboro Earth Day event to inspire people to apply to be on the CFE. CFE

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members brainstormed ideas to draw interest to a CFE booth. More discussion to follow at next month's CFE meeting. Wesley Poole also mentioned Orange County's Creek Week coming up March 14-18, 2022, at which County employees are going to do their part and clean up trash from local streams in the area.

VI. Updates and Information Items

Kim Piracci discussed potential presentations that will be coming up for the CFE in the next few months. Staff will be reaching out to OWASA for a presentation on updates to their Long-Range Water Supply Plan and to Solid Waste for a presentation on updates to their recycling and composting programs.

VII. Adjournment

Veronica Penn Beattie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm; seconded by Kristie Mather; none opposed; motion passed.