

**GREENSBORO COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL**  
**Notes, Regular Meeting**  
**February 8, 2016**  
**Transportation Conference Room**  
**Melvin Municipal Office Building**

**CSC Members Present:**

Stephen McCollum, Chair	Joel Landau, Outgoing Chair	Bill McNeil
Faun Finley, Vice-Chair	Chad Carwein, Outgoing Vice-Chair	Howard Taylor
John Kavanagh	Tom Duckwall	

**Staff and Others Present:**

Dana Clukey, Planning	Chris Marriott, Field Operations
Jeff Sovich, Planning	Dr. Jack Martin, Triad Electric Vehicle Association
Hanna Cockburn, Planning	Sara Kubera
Taknequa Alston	Roderick Bolden
Kelly Swain	Kista Mansell
Robert Bolden	

Outgoing Chair Landau called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

**1) A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2015 MEETING**

The Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

**B) REVIEW OF NOTES FROM JANUARY 11, 2016 INFORMAL WORK SESSION**

The Council voted unanimously to approve the notes.

**2) INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER FAUN FINLEY AND PENDING MEMBERS**

Ms Faun Finley introduced herself, her role in the community and her interest in the CSC.

Ms Kista Mansell, whose appointment to the CSC is anticipated in February, introduced herself, described her background and gave information regarding her participation with the Transit Alliance of the Piedmont.

Ms Taknequa Alston, who intends to request appointment to the CSC, introduced herself and her interests.

Also, Mr. Carwein announced that he would be resigning from the CSC following this meeting, since he will be moving to Wilmington, in order to accept a position as Sustainability Coordinator for East Carolina University.

**3) NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Kavanagh nominated McCollum as Chair of the Council. Mr. McCollum introduced himself and his interests. His background has been mostly in faith-based efforts in sustainability. He would like to reengage the Council's efforts with the City Council and increase public engagement. Mr. Duckwall seconded the nomination. The Council voted unanimously to elect Mr. McCollum as Chair of the CSC.

Mr. McNeil nominated Ms Finley as Vice-Chair. Ms Finley asked for a description of the role of Vice-Chair, and then accepted the nomination. She discussed her goals for the CSC. The Council voted unanimously to elect Ms Finley as Vice-Chair of the CSC.

#### **4) UPDATE ON SOLAR INITIATIVE – JEFF SOVICH / HANNA COCKBURN**

Mr. Sovich gave an update on the recent staff-level workshop regarding solar permitting and policy. The workshop covered a lot of information on available subsidies and incentives for installing solar equipment and looked at some of the available options for financing. Also addressed where the legalities of entities using solar and providers. The workshop was the first step in a multi-phase process. The second phase will involve the CSC more directly. Steve Randall will be sending meeting materials to CSC members. The workshop was lead by representatives of the NC Clean Energy Technology Center and ICLEI.

#### **5) UPDATE ON SMART CITY CHALLENGE – JEFF SOVICH / HANNA COCKBURN**

Ms Cockburn stated that the Smart City Challenge is a major federal competitive program administered by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), that will award more than \$40 million in prize money and technical assistance to the winning city. The City of Greensboro has submitted an entry describing its goals to improve the transportation system by making it safer and smarter. An example is using energy provided for LED streetlights to also provide Wi-Fi around the city. Successful applicants in the first round will be awarded a much smaller prize purse, in order to help fund their entries in the second round of the competition, which will be more complex and detailed.

Staff was asked about the status of the bike-share task force. Mr. Sovich stated that there was one new update since last fall's progress report from Action Greensboro. The Greensboro Department of Transportation submitted a project to be considered by North Carolina Department of Transportation in its prioritization of transportation projects. A group of 10 or 12 proposed bike-share station locations was submitted to be evaluated.

#### **6) SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A) ECONOMY** - Mr. Kavanagh stated that Jack Martin with Triad Electric Vehicle Association (TEVA) has been helping the Economy sub-committee. Mr. Martin stated that TEVA was just granted 501(c)(3) status and reviewed numerous projects that TEVA is involved with.

Mr. Kavanagh stated that the Economy subcommittee is trying to tie TEVA's work to the Electric Vehicle Plug-in Readiness report.

Chair McCollum asked that Ms Mansell work with Mr. Martin to continue conversation on how CSC can become more involved with TEVA's initiatives.

- B) ENVIRONMENT** - Mr. McNeil stated that the environment sub-committee is trying to reduce plastics in the waste stream and has a proposal to submit to the City Council. A couple of initiatives that they are discussing to reduce the amount of plastic water bottles purchased is by advertising the markup of bottled water and also making water dispensers more available.

Mr. Sovich mentioned that one of the City's newest facilities, Griffin Recreation Center, has water dispensers and will ask if that is a policy for new City facilities.

Mr. Carwein suggested that we include in proposal that most water dispenser have carbon filters, promoting the fact that this may be cleaner water.

Mr. Carwein made a motion to take water bottle proposal to City Council, Mr. McNeil seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to forward the proposal.

#### **7) CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION FROM JANUARY WORK SESSION**

Chair McCollum moved this item to the March agenda due to lack of time.

#### **8) REVIEW AND DISCUSS SAP PROGRESS REPORT**

Chair McCollum suggested that everyone attend the Infrastructure Committee meeting and the item concerning the SAP report.

Mr. Sovich gave a brief overview of the status report.

Mr. Taylor asked that Mr. Sovich include a list of items from the SAP that have and have not been accomplished.

#### **9) 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE**

There was unanimous agreement that the CSC meeting schedule should be monthly. The next meeting scheduled would be March 7, 2016.

#### **10) INCIDENTAL ITEMS:**

- A) **ITEMS FROM CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR** - Chair McCollum gave information for an event at Catawba College, in Salisbury, on Tuesday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. John Campbell, Chair of Waste Zero will speak on how to "Save Money: Cut Trash in Half."

Ms. Finley stated that she would be attending the NC Clean Tech Summit in Chapel Hill, February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

- B) **ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS** - Mr. McNeil asked for updated contact information for members. Other members would like the format to be larger and more easily read.
- C) **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC** – None.
- D) **ITEMS FROM STAFF** – None.

#### **11) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ABSENCES**

Chair McCollum acknowledged the absence of Mr. Davis and Mr. Powell.

#### **12) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:02.