

# Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Minutes

## June 6, 2024

**Present:** Margaret Johnson (Chairperson), Elise Snavely, Jewelean Mustard, Sue Davidson, Vacant, Vacant, Vacant, Vacant

**Absent:** Lee Maxwell (Vice Chairperson)

**Staff:** Brady Golden, Bill Craft (Town Council Liaison)

**Guests:**

### Meeting called to order at 8:30 am ET.

➤ <b>Motion to Accept Meeting Agenda</b>	1. Elise Snavely	2. Sue Davidson
Approved Unanimously		
➤ <b>Motion to Accept May 2024 Minutes</b>	1. Sue Davidson	2. Elise Snavely
Approved Unanimously		

### Announcements

- It was noted for the record that Allen Dearry has tendered his resignation from the committee, effective March 2024.
- It was noted for the record that David Sonnenfeld has tendered his resignation from the committee, effective May 2024.
- The July Meeting will be canceled due to the holiday, meetings will resume as scheduled in August.

### Reports from Staff

- **Brady Golden:** Brady confirmed that the Friends of Stormwater plaques for the 2023 awards were approved by the Town Council in April. Confirmation is still pending for the 2024 Friends of Stormwater awards. The delivery of the 2023 plaques needs to be determined.
  - ❖ Brady attended the Green Growth Toolbox seminar hosted by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, Program Extension. The seminar covered topics including the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program, a foundation and their land program, which could be integrated into the town's mapping program. Additional subjects discussed included funding for conservation planning, educational opportunities, and the availability of literature and assistance upon request. A recommendation was made to invite representatives from the Wildlife Resources Center to next year's Earth Day celebration.

- **Bill Craft (Town Council Liaison):** Bill announced that July 1 will mark the 25th anniversary celebration of the Town of Oak Island, as well as a sendoff celebration for the Town Manager, David Kelly. T-shirts commemorating the occasion will be available for purchase, and there will be monthly events. Committee members are requested to provide their T-shirt sizes to Margaret. It was also noted that there will not be a council meeting on June 11; instead, a meeting will be held on June 18 at 6 PM. The June 11 meeting is a public forum at the Rec Center with Bill Craft and Bill Cuillo addressing issues brought up by Residents in attendance.

- ❖ In July, the approval of advisory board missions will take place, which will expand the Environmental Advisory Committee's (EAC) mission and, it is hoped, attract new members interested in the EAC. Councilman Bill confirmed that a line item for the EAC is included in the town's budget.
- ❖ The regular Town Council meeting is June 18th at Town Hall. Both Lee Maxwell and Sue Davidson are up for reappointment vote at the meeting.

## Old Business

- **Conservation Conversations:** Sue will oversee the Conservation Conversations event this Friday at Malcolm Register Park, scheduled for 10:00 AM. The discussion will focus on recycling. The next session on this topic is scheduled for July 5, with Elise designated to lead, and the final session is set for August 2, with Lee assigned to lead.
- ❖ The committee inquired regarding access to the storage locker at the airport to retrieve the EnviroScape, which is essential for the upcoming round of Conservation Conversations. The preferred date for the event is July 1st.

➤ **Recycling:** The Town Council voted to continue its collaboration with GFL following the presentation(Appendix 1). Subsequently, Sue was provided with 1,000 bin labels from GFL. Scott Thornall took 30 to label Town bins. The bins are the property of GFL. She proposed the initiation of a Recycling Rangers program. Margaret suggested canvassing and publicizing the program.

**Motion:** A motion was made and approved to commence the Recycling Rangers campaign.

1. Sue Davidson      2. Jewelean Mustard

Approved Unanimously - Brady will seek permission to coordinate with the EAC to assist in re-labeling the bins.

➤ **NCCF, Living Shoreline:** The last living shoreline pickup took place on May 4, with a total of six volunteers participating. A marine patrol officer attended to assist in traffic control. The committee discussed contacting public works to install signage guiding anglers to fish exclusively from the pier, given the issues observed with fishing lines entangled in oyster beds.

- ❖ The next living shoreline cleanup is scheduled for September 21, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.
- ❖ The committee deliberated on expanding the event to enhance educational opportunities and explored the feasibility of organizing a shoreline cleanup at the nature center near Markham Register Park.

➤ **Tables at Town Events:** The group discussed tabling the proposal to have a presence at town events, noting that concert tables incur charges and there is insufficient committee membership to sustain event participation. The committee plans to review this initiative and visit event tables during the autumn season for further assessment.

## Adjournment at 9:35 am ET.

➤ **Motion to Adjourn**

Approved Unanimously

1. Elise Snavely

2. Sue Davidson

***Minutes compiled and submitted by: Jewelean Mustard***

## **Appendix**

### **Appendix 1:**

Link to Josh Tolers GFL presentation on recycling on May 14th 2024 at the Oak Island TOwn Council Meeting: [https://oakislandnc.granicus.com/player/clip/461?meta\\_id=25011](https://oakislandnc.granicus.com/player/clip/461?meta_id=25011)

### **Appendix 2:**

NCCF, Living Shoreline Events

- ❖ Summer: September 21, 16:30-18:00 *Alt. Date/Time: September 28, 11:00-12:30*
- ❖ Fall: November 16, 13:30-15:30 *Alt. Date/Time: November 30, 12:30-14:30*