

AGENDA

Orange County Commission for the Environment

March 8, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting email chirni@orangecountync.gov for the meeting link

- | Time | Item | Title |
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| 7:30 | I. | Call to Order |
| 7:32 | II. | Additions or Changes to Agenda |
| 7:35 | III. | Approval of Draft Minutes – February 8th, 2021
The CFE will consider approval of minutes from the last meeting. <u>Action needed</u> (Attachment 1) |
| 7:37 | IV. | CFE Activities - 2021
The CFE will discuss current activities. |
| 7:45 | V. | Eno-New Hope Landscape Conservation Plan
K. Livingston will lead discussion regarding presenting the plan to the BOCC and a future CFE resolution in support of the plan. https://ncbg.unc.edu/research/eno-new-hope-plan/ |
| 8:00 | VII. | Committee Breakouts
The CFE will break out into committee assignments and discuss goals/projects for the year. |
| 8:45 | VIII. | Updates and Information Items
Staff and/or CFE members will provide updates on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>B. Ward will update CFE on SELC/Clean Air Carolina petition.</i>
https://www.southernenvironment.org/support-nc-climate-action• <i>K. Livingston will update CFE in Buckhorn Area (Development) Plan</i>
https://www.ptrc.org/services/regional-planning/local-planning-projects/buckhorn-area-plan Any other new information from CFE members and staff |
| 9:00 | IX. | Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>* Next Meeting Date: April 12th, 2021; if requested by CFE (Virtual)</i> |

CFE Activities – 2021

Item	Committee/Person(s) Responsible	Next Steps
Rights-of-Way Subcommittee	B. Saul	Subcommittee formation approved by CfE at January meeting.
Review and update of Forest Management Policy	Land Resources	Ongoing review by committee and staff.
Climate Action Plan	B. Ward B. Bouma	Initial work has begun to lay out scope and format. With GHG Inventory completion and successful application for LEED for Cities and Communities Grant, planning can begin in earnest. Seeking CFE assistance in climate action generation and community engagement.

Recent Achievements

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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

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Present: Bradley Saul, Kim Piracci, Elizabeth McWhorter, Frank Binkowski, Kim Livingston, Bill Ward, Jeremy Marzuola, Eric Scheier, Jaya Nair, James Eichel

Absent: Lynne Gronback, Carrie Fletcher, Alan Parry

Staff: Brennan Bouma, Chris Hirni, Wesley Poole

I. Call to Order

Bradley Saul called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

II. CFE 2021 Officer Election

Bill Ward nominated Kim Piracci for CFE Chair; seconded by Bradley Saul; all in favor; none opposed; Kim Piracci shall serve as Chair of CFE for 2021. Kim Piracci nominated Kim Livingston for CFE Vice-Chair; seconded by Elizabeth McWhorter; all in favor; none opposed; Kim Livingston shall serve as Vice-Chair of CFE for 2021.

III. Additions or Changes to Agenda

None.

IV. Approval of Draft Minutes from January 11th, 2021

Motion by Bradley Saul; seconded by Frank Binkowski; none opposed; motion passed.

V. CFE Activities – 2021

CFE discussed current activities with a brief status update for each item. CFE decided to remove Carbon Fee & Dividend / Fossil Fuel Divestment resolution(s), Coordination with Planning Dept. and Duke Energy IRP Letter from list.

VI. Development Project Review Process

CFE discussed lessons learned from the last project it was asked to weigh in upon from the Orange County BOCC in order to improve the process moving forward. Joint agreement amongst CFE members that the CFE needed more time to review projects in the future.

VII. PowerPoint on Resolutions and the Work of the CFE

Brennan Bouma gave a PowerPoint presentation on the difference between a resolution and an ordinance. Bill Ward proposed a resolution on health effects of climate change for potential consideration by the Orange County BOCC but the CFE chose to not move it forward. CFE discussed ideas that members had for possible resolutions to put forward to the Orange County BOCC in the future. CFE showed interest in working on the County's Climate Action Plan.

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VIII. Updates and Information Items

- Chris Hirni discussed future of CFE Committee break out discussions. Current GoTo meeting platform does not support but Zoom platform will, so staff will request a Zoom link for the next meeting to accommodate.
- Brenna Bouma informed the CFE that the Orange County BOCC had accepted and approved the CFE / Human Relations Commission project funding recommendations for the Community Climate Action Grant.

IX. Adjournment

Eric Scheier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 pm; seconded by Kim Livingston; none opposed; motion passed.