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**TOWN OF CARRBORO  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD – SUMMARY**



Meeting on June 3, 2021, 7:00 pm

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Town Council Liaison</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Kathy Kaufman	Sammy Slade	Laura Janway	
Chrissie Schalkoff			
Alfonso Blanco			

Note: Absent/Excused: Namdi Brandon, María Julia Echart

**Call to Order, Announcements**

Meeting convened via videoconference at about 7:00 pm by Chair Kathy Kaufman.

**Approval of 4/1/2021 Meeting Minutes**

Schalkoff motioned to approve the minutes for the 4/1/21 EAB Meeting, seconded by Blanco. All voted in favor. AYES: (3) Schalkoff, Blanco, Kaufman; NAYES: (0).

**Discussion of Carrboro Connects Goals and Strategies Documents**

EAB members continued their discussion from the 5/6/21 meeting of Carrboro Connects Goals and Strategies documents.

**Joint Review**

The Environmental Advisory Board convened the initial portion of its meeting to join in joint review. For details on the joint session, check the minutes of the Planning Board at <http://townofcarrboro.org/AgendaCenter/Planning-Board-11>. Advisory boards heard a presentation for the 1307 West Main Street Concept Plan Review. After conclusion of the joint session, EAB members rejoined the videoconference session to continue the meeting.

**Prepare Review Comments for 1307 West Main Street Concept Plan Review**

Motion was made by Schalkoff and seconded by Blanco to finalize the EAB’s recommendations. The recommendations including comments on the following topics:

- Affordability
- Transportation
  - Satellite parking
  - Incentivizing biking
  - Flexibility in the design
  - EV ready parking spaces
- Maximizing energy efficiency
  - Shading
  - Windows with high R values
  - Passive solar energy; building design
  - Fully electric, no natural gas lines
  - Green roof
  - Solar leasing

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- Landscaping
    - Appreciate leaving large trees and not building along the stream
    - Utilizing native canopy trees and native plants

### **Continued Discussion of Carrboro Connects Goals and Strategies Documents**

Motion was made by Blanco and seconded by Schalkoff to finalize the EAB's recommendations. The recommendations including comments on the following:

1. Most impactful strategies to achieve the plan's stated goal/vision:
  - Addressing energy efficiency in buildings
  - Land use and how we build the environment
  - Transportation
  - Involving different neighborhoods for input buy-in
  - Outreach and education
  - Addressing waste reduction at the community level
2. Most feasible strategies:
  - In the context of climate action, we change our standards for what we deem feasible; actions to address climate are necessary.
3. Strategies to best achieve cross-cutting impact across other issue areas of the plan:
  - Addressing energy efficiency in buildings
  - Transportation

#### **Additional Comments**

- **Composting**
- **Food Choices**
- **Goal:** Budget for implementing the Town's climate action plans in accordance with the June 25, 2019 Resolution
- We recognize the effort to incorporate most recommendations from the Community Climate Action Plan into the Comprehensive Plan's Goals and Strategies
- We recommend that the Comprehensive Plan is updated over time. Additionally, it should be updated accordingly as the Community Climate Action Plan is updated.

### **Update on Draft FY21-22 Sustainability Work Plan**

Staff member Janway presented the Draft FY21-22 Environmental Sustainability Work Plan. EAB members provided comments and decided to find a time to meet over the summer months to discuss projects from the work plan.

#### **Adjourn**

The motion to adjourn was made by Schalkoff and seconded by Blanco, with all members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.