

## EQAB

*Regular Meeting, February 7, 2019*

Visitors: Ellen Smith, Mike Higgins (TDEC, Oak Ridge), Vicki Baumgartner (Dogwood Arts), and Doug Colclasure

City Staff Liaison: Sandy Sexton

Three new members, Ms. Kayla Wyatt, Dr. Atilio Anzellotti and Mr. Joel Hewett joined the board. The board elected Robert Kennedy to serve as chair, Wendy Doolittle as co-chair and Darcie Holcomb as secretary.

Sophia Krusen reported that the student council no longer pays for recycling at the High School. Students use water-refilling stations to reduce use of plastic bottles. Dr. Borchers will be invited to talk about recycling in the schools at a future EQAB meeting.

Mr. Kennedy gave an updated status of the proposed Environmental Management Disposal Facility. The Anderson County Commission withdrew the resolution of support before voting, and Roane County may withdraw its resolution of support given last October 15. Mr. Higgins, TDEC, reiterated that DOE, EPA, and TDEC must come to an agreement for the EMDF to move forward. DOE must get a ground water waiver to proceed.

As the City Tree Board, EQAB worked with Community Development to preserve some of the mature trees on the former ASME site. The stand of Darlington Oaks will remain, and the park area next to Badger Road expanded.

Vicki Baumgartner, Dogwood Arts, spoke to the possibility of Oak Ridge having a Dogwood walking trail. The City must apply for and pay to have a trail. The residents along the trail would have to agree, and a neighborhood representative would have to be on the Dogwood board.

TVA has responded to the Freedom of Information Act request sent by EQAB on February 26, 2018 asking for the details of the study that determined an electrical line along Pine Ridge was the best alternative for the National Nuclear Security Administration Y-12 Electrical Substation Project. Board members will sift through the large amount of data sent.

New board members will be briefed at the March 7 EQAB meeting.

*~Kathryn Olsen, Observer*