



ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS BOARD

MINUTES

June 5, 2019
Hayti Heritage Center
804 Old Fayetteville St.
Durham NC 27701

Voting Members – Matthew Kopac (chair), Jessalee Landfried (vice chair), Donald Addu (secretary), Roberto Valle Kinloch, Laura Marie Davis, Casey Collins, Matthew Pait, Matthew Herman, Wafa Khalil, Tyjuanna LaBennett,

Excused Absences – Rachel McIntosh-Kastrinsky

Ex Officio Members/Staff – Vicki Westbrook, Laura Woods, Tobin Freid, Muriel Williman, DeDreana Freeman, Heidi Carter, Paul Cameron, Steven Hicks

I. Call to Order at 6:03 pm

II. Approval of Minutes, 9-0

With amendment to include Michelle Woolfolk

III. New Business and Continuing Business

a. Safe Routes to Parks and Equitable Green Infrastructure – Tara Mei Smith, Executive Director of Extra Terrestrial Projects and Angela Lee, Executive Director of Hayti Heritage Center:

- Extra Terrestrial – Very land focused
- Environmental, Social and Economic impacts
- Sankofa – looking back to move forward
- UN Sustainable Development goals – 17 goals can be found here - <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300>
- Important to know our history so we don't repeat the mistakes of the past
- Durham was built on one of the largest slave plantations in the South which consisted of over 900 slaves
- There is a 400-year history of inequality
- Red Lining, the process of devaluing property owned by African Americans has led to inequality across Durham today

- Green infrastructure can cause displacement if the projects are not initiated by the community where it is being built
- The goal of the project is to reconnect Hayti with the heart of downtown Durham
- Create a safe route to Black Wall Street Park and the coming beltline
- Hayti was seen as a model for a thriving African American community before the construction of the Durham Freeway (Hwy 147)
- Over 1,000 families and hundreds of businesses were displaced by 147
- The goal is to create a safe route to downtown
- 80% of pen space in cities are streets
- Ensure the community is engaged from day 1 and that they have decision making power during the process
- Phase I of community engagement will be completed in September
- We are reconnecting Hayti to the heart of downtown

b. **Move Durham** – Ellen Beckmann, Senior Transportation Planner, City of Durham:

- Transportation Plan for Durham
- Alta Planning is consulting on the project
- Establish mobility goals, collect data, engage the community throughout the process and conduct research
- Currently in Phase II
- The study area is central Durham
- Equitable access scope
- Identify where it is lacking and where it is needed including sidewalks, bike lanes, transit stops etc.
- In high need areas, only 14% of people can walk to a grocery store on continuous sidewalks and only 3% can bike to an employment center
- Vancouver BC, has seen an 18% increase in population while decreasing downtown traffic by 5%
- With the end of the light rail, a new transit plan will be developed in conjunction with the comprehensive plan
- The plan will include the city, county, regional transit and GoDurham
- The goal is to connect downtown with the surrounding neighborhoods
- Build more low stress bikeways
- All high priority corridors are NCDOT roads
- NCDOT will need to agree to changes made to these roads
- Working to implement the lowest cost, high effective options

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- c. **Duke Environmental Law and Policy Clinic** – Michelle Nowlin, Clinical Law Professor, presentation on Single-Use Plastics Elimination Roadmap (SUPER):
 - Solid Waste Management Act
 - Explicit authorization to go beyond state and federal regulations
 - Memo will be provided in the next few weeks
 - Working to develop a strategy for reaching out to businesses
 - Discover Durham is a good place to start to identify businesses to participate in the single use plastics reduction

IV. Announcements –

- a. Next EAB Meeting 7/10/2019 at 6:00 PM, 2nd floor Committee Room, City Hall
- b. Triannual Lead Testing of homes built from 1985-87 will begin this month
- c. Durham Magazine Best of Durham awards to Hayti for Live Theater and Performance. More information about events can be found at Hayti.org
- d. Trees Durham will be hosting a planting event at Hayti in October
- e. This is Laura Woods and Matthew Pait’s last EAB meeting. Thank you to both of you for your service to Durham
- f. Durham Public Schools will be using a CHAMPS grant to feed kids over the summer. EAB and community members are encouraged to volunteer

V. Motion to maintain the EAB schedule as posted for July, without the addition of another working session at a different date

VI. Vote – 5-4 (1 Abstention)

VII. Result: EAB will continue with one original schedule through the July 10th meeting

VIII. Officer Elections

IX. Vote for Matthew Kopac as Chair – 10-0

X. Vote for Jessalee Landfried as Vice Chair – 10-0

XI. Vote for Laura Marie Davis as Secretary – 10-0

Adjourn 7:44pm

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