

Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance (ORRCA)

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 1 p.m.

Location: Auditorium at the Oak Ridge Public Library
1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank, Roane County Executive Wade Creswell, Oak Ridge Councilwoman Ellen Smith (proxy for Mayor Gooch), Jane Jolley (proxy for Knox County Mayor Jacobs)

Others Present: Sign-in sheet attached (Exhibit A)

Mayor Frank called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m., and introductions were made by all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: Executive Creswell made a motion, second by Councilwoman Smith, to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Election of Chair: Executive Creswell made a motion to nominate Mayor Frank as chair for another one-year term. Second by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carried.

FFA/ESOA Five-Year Plans: Councilwoman Smith made a motion, second by Executive Creswell, to approve the five-year Federal Facility Agreement and the Five-Year Environmental Surveillance and Oversight Agreement, with the incorporation of corrections noted by TDEC. Motion carried.

FFA/ESOA One-Year Plans: Councilwoman Smith made a motion, second by Executive Creswell, to approve the one-year Federal Facility Agreement and the one-year Environmental Surveillance and Oversight Agreement subject to review by TDEC and cleaning up the language to reflect similarities to the five-year plans. Motion carried.

Approval of Budgets: Executive Creswell made a motion, second by Councilwoman Smith, to approve the FY24 ESOA Reallocation Budget and the proposed FFA and ESOA budgets for FY 25 through FY 28. Motion carried.

Other Updates: Roger Petrie provided an update regarding applications for NRDA grants, noting that money cannot be used for clean-up, but it can be used to set up proposed projects that border the Oak Ridge Reservation, and ORR bordering proposals will be given a higher priority. Also, NRDA funds cannot be used to maintain a project. There was discussion about the legalities of transferring DOE property to another agency, and the potential for a financial impact to communities in that case. There was also general discussion about groundwater at ETTP and groundwater records of decision.

Executive Creswell asked about the possibility of an ORRCA workshop to discuss potential projects and opportunities to collaborate.

New Business: none

Public Comments: Doug Colclasure (Greenways Oak Ridge) provided a map and mentioned that property identified as ED-6 on the west end of Oak Ridge should be “priority for preservation.” (Attached-Exhibit B)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m. Members were encouraged to tour the Library’s Oak Ridge Room.

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