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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 ETPP and groundwater records of decision.

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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.