

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. E(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: March 17, 2009

TITLE: Review of Draft Sustainability Resolution Recommended by Advisory Boards

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES __ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Draft resolution on Sustainability B. Minutes – Joint Review presentation and discussion, May 1, 2008 C. Planning Board recommendation, February 19, 2009 D. EAB, TAB and ESC recommendations	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – 918-7327

PURPOSE

On May 1, 2008, NC Power down made a presentation to the Joint Review Advisory Boards regarding Peak Oil and requested support for a resolution specifying community action. A draft resolution relating to community sustainability, inspired by the NC Power down request, has been prepared by the Planning Board and reviewed by several other boards and commissions, and has been forwarded for review by the Board of Aldermen.

INFORMATION

See attached (*Attachment B*) for minutes summarizing the NC Power down presentation and advisory boards' discussion. The Planning Board refined a draft Peak Oil resolution that was provided by NC Power down from June to September 2008, during which time the focus of the resolution was changed from Peak Oil to Sustainability. Drafts of the resolution were shared with the Environmental Advisory Board, Transportation Advisory Board and Economic Sustainability Commission during this time until October, when the Planning Board prepared a "final" draft and distributed for formal advisory board action. The resolution was subsequently revised by the Planning Board in December and again in January. In mid-February, the Planning Board expressed its desire for the draft resolution to be forwarded to the Board of Aldermen and other boards for consideration (*Attachment C*). Comments received from advisory boards are attached (*Attachment D*).

STAFF AND FISCAL IMPACT

Fiscal and staff impacts have not been quantified. At a minimum, the creation of an additional citizen advisory committee can be expected to place demands on existing staff resources.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen refer the draft resolution for staff review (*Attachment A*).