



**CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD**  
City Operations Center | 305 Williams St. | Hendersonville, NC 28792  
Thursday, May 16, 2024 – 3:30 PM



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## MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 3:37pm

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mary Ellen approved first followed by Grady

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ann approved first followed by Grady

### NEW BUSINESS

Presentation on Native Plantings on City Property

Cases where the City considers planting non-natives: downtown street trees, aesthetic reasons, and also planting non-native cultivars such as non-native Dogwoods

### STAFF LIAISON UPDATE

City plastic reduction follow up

The board would like to move forward with a formal policy on plastic waste reduction. Council member Simpson mentioned the potential difficulties in having the Apple Festival on board and also if a fee in leu option should be provided in the policy.

ESB Annual report

Board members are letting Caitlyn know if they have any revision requests

City sustainability update

The board suggested Caitlyn work on getting a press release submitted on the plan to better promote the plan's adoption.

### OLD BUSINESS

Hendo EarthFest wrap up

Ann will be presenting to City Council members next month on the event's success which included doubling the amount of exhibitors and bringing roughly 4,000 participants, which almost doubled that of last year.

## Waste Reduction – Sustainability demonstration station update

Virginia would like to have July 20<sup>th</sup> as a ribbon cutting ceremony for the station. Caitlyn is sending out the updated farmers market volunteer sheet to members to volunteer for spots.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Wildlife Habitat Certification vs Bee City

Moved to next meeting

### Native plant policy recommendation letter

Mary Ellen motioned first followed by Ann to send the letter to the Tree Board for their support. Virginia mentioned potential program to incentivize homeowners to go native as part of this effort.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Confirm dates for farmers market and ESB member attendance

Addressed earlier on in meeting

## CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

### City Council Update

Councilwoman Simpson is not liaison with the Tree Board which should help with increased communication amongst what ESB and the Tree Board are doing

## ADJOURNMENT

Virginia motioned to adjourn first followed by Gina

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