

ESB MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call Mary Ellen Kustin, Chair person

Will, Kelly, Ann, Mary Ellen, Geri, new members Virginia Tegel and Anthony Baltiero – Lyndsey and Beth came later

Gracie absent due to illness. Ann Twiggs volunteered to take minutes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Agenda approved with addition of approval of the schedule for the year, Walk Hendo and Brian Pahle moved up after Welcome New Members. Anthony so moved and Will seconded.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Welcome new members – Virginia Tegel and Anthony Baltiero

Brian Pahle (Assistant City Manager - Guest) to discuss budget ideas –
Brian gave us the budget process schedule

September – City Council gathers input from citizens
October & November Capital investments discussed
January – ESB needs to submit our FY2023 budget request
February – City Council budget visioning session
May – Budget proposed
June – Budget adopted

This year FY 2022 City Council gave us \$12,500 with no stipulations. We don't need to request RFPs if a contract is under \$2,500. Hendersonville is required to follow state law when it comes to air quality regulations but the city does have authority to regulate storm water and water quality and can make decisions about our own vehicle fleet. It was decided to schedule a special meeting to discuss budget uses/ideas on Thursday August 11th from 3:30 – 5PM. Ideas for FY 2023 budget request will also be discussed. Brian suggested that ESB hire a consultant to help us develop a strategic plan to submit with any budget request.

Brian let us know that He and City Manager John Connant will be meeting next Tuesday to discuss the budgeted Environmental Sustainability Manager position. Brian asked that we send our position description to him. Brian also mentioned that new project designs will be shared with ESB before the final decisions are made.

Bee City Updates – Will Garvey

Didn't meet in June but met in July. There will be some action by the City, County and DOT re: invasive species

Plastics & Recycling Update - Geri Conley

Geri reported that the County has hired a replacement for Christine at the recycle station – Amy Schmitte. The Asheville equivalent of our board has approved a plastic bag ban proposal that will be forwarded to their City Council. The proposed ban also includes Styrofoam and plastic straws.

City Council Updates – Lyndsey Simpson, Councilwoman – There will be a Mt True member added to the board. The City is holding a Walk Hendo plan public meeting on Monday, July 25th at 5 PM. Will and Virginia asked about including bike use and racks in the plan.

Old Business

Discussion on Electric Vehicle Proposal – Will Garvey

It was decided that board members would review Will's draft proposal and get comments to him prior to the next meeting.

Updates on Comprehensive Plan - Mary Ellen Kustin – Brian told us the plan is still in the Pre- RFP consultant stage. City Council will discuss it in October. It is a 1–2-year project. Lyndsey mentioned that she wants to include the ESB plan in the Comprehensive Plan.

New Business

Vote on New Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2023

Kelly Pahle nominated and voted unanimously as Chair

Ann Twiggs nominated and voted unanimously as Vice Chair

Website Changes – Ann Twiggs – Replace current wording on the website under Environmental and Sustainability Board with the following

“The City of Hendersonville believes environmental sustainability is critical to preserving the community for future generations and has adopted this goal as a core value.”

Voted on and passed unanimously.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned.