

CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

Operations Center - Assembly Room | 305 Williams St. | Hendersonville NC

28792



Thursday, September 15, 2022 – 3:00 PM

# MINUTES

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call - Kelly Pahle, Chairperson

Everyone was present except for Beth Stang, Anthony Baltiero, and Ann Twiggs.

Nance Grady was also present- She is the new mountain true member.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Unanimous Vote

2. Approval of Agenda -Kelly Pahle

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Unanimous Vote - motion by Virginia Tegel

3. Approval of Minutes from 08\_18\_2022

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

4. Sustainability Manager Update - John Connet, City Manager

Formal apology to the board as the sustainability manager position will be a split position with public works, Originally thought the position would just be fore sustainability purposes.

John Connet recommends to the board to keep setting goals, lists of how the position would be used.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

5. Public Comment (*allotted time 15 minutes*)

Lynn Huffman - Sustainability Plan Walkability Element

The walkability presentation included planning for safe cycling crossings. Examples are from Xenia, Ohio. Discussed ideas on cycling crossings downtown, i.e. one side of parallel parking dedicated to a bike path, specific traffic lights for bicycle traffic, barrier poles.

We also had public comment from Carlos Ruiz, of Hendersonville NC. He spoke on the EV club, and having a Tesla club coming, event planning, and combining efforts with the Green Expo. Proposed serving on a subcommittee. Currently Green expo is penciled in for April 23rd 2023.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### SUB COMMITTEE UPDATES

6. Bee City - *Will Garvey, Board Member* 

Migration of butterflies in schools. 50% filled classrooms.

On Oct. 20th,Blue Ridge Community College is showing My Garden of 1,000 bees.

7. Recycling and Plastics - Geri Conley, Board Member

Campaigning on main street to start soon. Asheville is trying to get councils approval this month.

8. City Council - Lyndsey Simpson, Council Woman

Lyndsey suggested they go a head and apply for Green Expo event, make a list of vendors/ sponsors and incentives. Ann Twiggs Volunteered to head up this subcommittee.

Mayor gave proclamation to plant a magnolia to be designated as "mother earth city" and made a park bench in Elly Travis's name in Patton park.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- \* We have officially requested to join ICLEI
  - 9. Daring Cities Virginia Tegel, Board Member
  - 10. Future Collaboration Opportunities- Virginia Tegel, Board member

(Eric Bradford, operations director at Greenworks - speak at future ESB meeting regarding collaboration

Green Expo collab with CC

Conservation Learning Center, HC Soil and Water- Farm City at Jackson Park 10/1

Hard to Recycle, Jackson Park 9/17

Subpod- compost survey to city staff

Trash Trout, new installation on Brittain Creek

Register someone to go to the HC Soil and Water event, Farm city at Jackson Park on 10/1. Goal is to see parklet set up.

- 11. Green Meadows Community Garden Community Meeting Mary Ellen Kustin, Board member
- 12. Meeting List for 2023

Every third Thursday at 3pm.

January 19th February 16th March 16 April 20 May 18 June 15 July 20 August 17 September 21 October 19 November 16 December 21 Change Dec 21 to December 14th.

Board requested name placards.

Voted to have a virtual meeting for those who wish to attend virtually that are not board members.

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