



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
Operations Center – Second Floor Conference Room | 305 Williams St. |
Hendersonville, NC 28792
Tuesday, October 13, 2026 – 5:30 PM



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:37 p.m.

Members present: Emily Davidson, Kimberly Blackwell, Joey Burnett, Jill Carter (virtual), Virginia Tegel, and Hana Price
Members absent: Jack Carr

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Virginia requested the addition of Hillandale Elementary Recycling program

Emily motioned to approve first followed by Joey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 2026 minutes – Emily motioned to approve first followed by Kim.

BUSINESS

2. Reminder - Board appreciation get together - please RSVP yes or no

Thursday, October 29 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

3. Sustainability Demonstration Station Maintenance, *Virginia Tegel, Member*

Caitlyn reaching out to property maintenance again to see why a delivery of mulch wasn't dropped off

4. Volunteer opportunities - *Emily Davidson, Chair*

Virginia and Joey volunteered to table at the Farmers Market October 31st

Emily is emailing Caitlyn an email template to send out to the volunteer list

Green Drinks talk – the board would like the topic to be invasive species and possibly collaborate hosting with Tommy Oakman from the Tree Board. Caitlyn is emailing Emily along with Tommy.

5. Hendo Earth Fest - Emily Davidson, Chair

Jill, Joey, Virginia, Kimberly, and Emily volunteered to be a part of the subcommittee.

Caitlyn is contacting Visitor's Center to reserve venue

Emily will reach out to last year's subcommittee members

Caitlyn will work with Joey to draft special events application for event.

Set first meeting, plan to reach out to last years participants

6. Chimney swift tower - *Emily Davidson, Chair*

Virginia is reaching out to Apple Country Woodworkers to build

Caitlyn is finding out if a permit is required from the County

Virginia mentioned we could have a public engagement event to paint the boards that make up the tower

Caitlyn is finding out if private businesses can sponsor

7. ESB and Tree Board Collaboration - *Emily Davidson, Chair*

The board will revisit planning a Tree Board E.S.B. social

Caitlyn will email both boards ahead of meeting to see if a member of the board wants to attend the other's meeting.

8. Hendo Green Partnership - *Jill Carter, Member*

Jill is working on re-engaging with this program and working to promote and gain more applicants.

9. City update - *Gina Baxter, City Council Liaison*

Caitlyn is moving this topic to be earlier in future agendas since Gina had to leave early.

10. Annual retreat planning & potluck - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison*

The board would like the retreat to occur in December

Caitlyn will work with Emily to send out a survey of questions prior to the retreat.

11. Recycling program at Hillandale Elementary School – Virginia proposed that the board put together a letter commending the students on their work to start a recycling program. Emily volunteered to draft letter.

ADJOURNMENT

Virginia motioned to adjourn first followed by Joey at 6:36 p.m.

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