



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
Operations Center - Assembly Room | 305 Williams St. | Hendersonville NC
28792



Thursday, February 17, 2022 – 3:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call - *Mary Ellen Kustin, Chairperson*

All members present except for Kelly Pahle - out on Maternity leave

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Consideration of Agenda - *Mary Ellen, Chairperson*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Approval of Minutes from 01/20/2022 - *Gracie Erwin, Staff Liaison*

Minutes approved

4. Sustainability Planning Sub Committee Minutes from 02/11/2022 - *Gracie Erwin, Staff Liaison*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Powering America Forward to Clean Energy- The Energy innovation and Carbon Dividend Act
- *Presentation by Steffi Rausch, Amos Dawson, and Stuart Rundlett*

Lyndsey to provide comment to City Council

Focus on what we can do in our community, come to a compromise

6. Ecusta Trail- *Mary Ellen Kustin, Chairperson*

Vote to Sign and support this letter

7. Sustainability Planning Sub- committee Updates- *Caroline Beamer, Co Chairperson*

Meeting next week (4th week in Feb)

Working on document for Lyndsey to take to retreat with City Council in March (to be completed hopefully by next Thursday)

*These will be recommendations for the council to implement into the long term plan

*presenting ideas at the retreat, including a sustainability person hired onto staff

8. Sub Committee- Bee City USA updates - *Will Garvey, board member*

Bee City officially transferred to care of Bullington Gardens.

Monarch Pledge- goal to be on City Council Agenda for March

9. Sub Committee Update- Recycling and Plastics, Working to be Plastic Free campaign - *Filling in for Grey Jernigan, Katie Breckheimer*

Update from Geri

13 Businesses, 9 have received decals

3 businesses are 100% plastic free

Katie had an article printed in Asheville times, in the future go to WTZQ (local radio station) and the chamber of commerce.

Group of people from Brevard came to ask how to get involved/implement similar concepts in Brevard

10. City Council Updates, DAB presentation- *Lyndsey Simpson, Council woman*

Goal is to get on April agenda for city council to provide over all updates of ESB- fitting for earth day

OLD BUSINESS

Public Comments

Hayden Fink, 150 Brittany place Drive, Hendersonville

- environment is highly important to younger generations

-carbon tax dividends impacts entire communities

-WNC functions on tourism- based on the environment

- speak with local congress

STEM- important for careers, and stability and economic growth

From Amos Dawson, 160 Little mountain Drive, Saluda- Henderson County

- Environmental Law- question of physics, and science indicates we are eating the planet up

- bipartisan solution

important to get Hendersonville involved

Lyndsey suggested writing two letters, one to council and one to powering america

Fran volunteered to head up these letters

NEW BUSINESS

11. Review of proposal for EV Charging Infrastructure in New Construction - *Will Garvey, Board Member*

- Is it appropriate to provide proposal to city council on this matter and what specifically do we want to include

- code be changed so new development within city limits it would have the capability to allow electric vehicle charging

-draft to be sent out before next meeting

12. Discussion Item- Hazen 16" turbine, reducing power at WTP, and energy efficiency- Notes from Lee Smith- *Gracie Erwin, Staff Liaison*

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