



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
Operations Center – Second Floor Conference Room | 305 Williams St. |
Hendersonville, NC 28792
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – 4:30 PM



MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:45pm

Present:

Gina Baxter; City Council, Kasey Lyons; Staff Liaison, Linda Zietlow, Ron Zietlow (non-members)
Emily Davidson, Kimberly Blackwell, Virginia Tegel, Joey Burnett (members)

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Public Comment added to agenda.

Emily motioned to approve, Kim seconded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Vote to approve April 2026 meeting minutes

Emily motioned to approve, Virginia seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Suggested installing Chimney Swift Towers in the City. Suggested funding could be through the Mud Creek Restoration Project or Blue Ridge Audubon Society.

BUSINESS

2. Review and vote on quote for Lower Mudd Creek Edible Forest Educational Sign

- Follow up on Virginia's question - Synthetic pesticides and herbicides are not used on stream restoration projects unless in uncommon applications to address invasive species.

Virginia Made a movement to accept the current sign, all present members voted yay; signage was approved.

3. Supporting Strive Not To Drive Week - *Virginia Tegel, Member*

Note: the City is hosting the Bike to Work Day which Emily and Joey volunteered to help out at. Since Caitlyn will be out for the event, Matt Manley is coordinating the day of.

<https://visithendersonvillenc.org/event/downtown-dollars-raffle-for-strive-not-to-drive-week>

4. Sustainability Demonstration Station - *Virginia Tegel, Member*

monthly schedule to check site

monthly schedule of activity at Farmers Mkt

process to prepare and set up at Farmers Mkt

second stolen battery - do we continue to include solar?

Compost bin order update - board member link to view updates:
CompostProgramImpact.xlsx

Volunteer sign up sheet is available to water SDS frequently.

A second battery has been stolen, leading to a need for increased security.

Kasey will continue tracking the compost bins purchased by community members.

5. Consider partnership with Bike/Walk/HVL - *Virginia Tegel, Member*

Kasey will look into rules for partnership.

6. Develop plan to recruit and retain ESB members - *Virginia Tegel, Member*

Provide new members with notebook including Handbook for members

Note - City leadership has been meeting on refining process of new board members and there should be an update on the new protocol in the next few months. Also with the notebook for new members also consider refining onboarding meeting/protocol.

Considering placing flyers in local areas to increase involvement.

Increase tracking of community involvement in public events.

Consider placing ads in local news outlets and radio stations.

Using public events such as Rhythm & Brews, HVL PrideFest, ect. as outreach opportunities.

Kasey will reach out to Communications Department about paid social media posts.

Goal: Fill the Board by August.

7. Hendo Earth Fest feedback - *Emily Davidson, Chair*

Overall the event went well.

Organization of EarthFest should start sooner in the year, ideally by September.

Caregivers of Mother Earth may be unavailable next year.

8. Consideration of meeting time - *Emily Davidson, Chair*

Meeting time is adequate, Kasey will look for the brochure holder for City Ops.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:54pm. Virginia motioned, Emily seconded.

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