



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
Operations Center - Assembly Room | 305 Williams St. | Hendersonville NC
28792
Thursday, August 19, 2021 – 3:00 PM



MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call- *Beth Stang, Chairperson*

Drew Finley is also present

Carlos Ruiz is also present- Guest speaker

Caroline Beemer joined at 4:00pm.

Online participates via zoom - Drew Finley, Kim Bailey, Francis R, Lyndsey Simpson, Will (public?) and Caroline Beemer

2. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve and vote on Minutes from July 15th 2021

Comments/changes for these minutes:

Bee City **National** Blog post

3rd bullet- they should be referenced to city of Hendersonville should be clarified.

Changes suggested by Kim Bailey, Board member

2. Discussion: new officers- need to select a Vice Chair, and select new Chair for the year; address secretary selection committee formation- *Beth Stang, Chairperson*

3. Presentation: Carlos Ruiz, Earthfest Plan - *Beth Stang, Chairperson*

Idea of having an earth festival here (Hendersonville) has had a lot of interest. Carlos is working on a proposal to be completed in October regarding funding. Goal is to get people aware.

Idea proposed of a more personal name than Earth Fest

Idea of combining events (Earth fest vs Earth week Vs Garden Jubilee) as many events have overlapping ideas.

4. Monarch Pledge, Connie Knight- *Beth Stang, Chairperson*

Moved to next months meeting

<https://www.nwf.org/mayorsmonarchpledge>

5. Vote on Bee City budget Item from July meeting - *Kim Bailey, board member*

Up to \$750 to go towards sponsoring monarch pledge. Originally proposed \$500, but cost have increased as registration fees have moved from \$10 to \$15.

3. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

- A. Bee City Update- *Kim Bailey, Board Member*

Bee City Mural is receiving a lot of positive feedback, also worth noting the area is found to have less litter than before the gardens

Dumpster Area has been repaired by the mural. It has been cleaned up and is now locked so illegal dumping will hopefully no longer be an issue.

Positive news from Hannah Flannigan's - has tried to clean this area for years and now it is finally looking great and staying clean

Living Wall of Vines is pollinator friendly and growing well

Working on pollinator interpretive sign.

Bee Bold at Bold Rock- Scheduled for 11am-7pm on August 28th. Need volunteers to help fill in these shifts.

Field Trip to host SEEA members (pre conference field trip for educators) on Sept 9th, 1230-5pm. Begin at Kim's Farm and end at Bee Mural.

Volunteer needed to be present at Mills River farmers Market- any interest? Any Saturday between Sept. and October

- B. Plastic and Recycling Update - *Gray Jernigan**, Board Member, *Katie Breckheimer will be filling in Gray Jernigan's seat until his return.

Grey will be back on Sept 8th.

Grey to give more detailed report on microplastics in our waters.

School Composting project- no milk cartons as they contain to much plastic

Downstream testing from landfill (unlined)

Tour of composting facility on Sept 22nd, Save the date email to come.

10 Business have pledged "trying to be plastic free". 11 including the City of Hendo

Logo is almost finished.

C. Working to Be Plastic Free update- *Katie Breckheimer, Board Member*

D. City Council Update- *Lyndsey Simpson, Councilwoman*

No Big updates from Council. Lyndsey has forwarded emails regarding solar splash pad and solar grants for housing.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Old Business

Continue discussion on different visions and goals for the committee and subcommittees - *Beth Stang, Chairperson*

Beth proposes that we discuss in detail/suggestions for sub committees and recruited members.

Sustainability planning board, Bee city, Recycling.

Vote on next month.

B. Mike received a voicemail earlier this month and asked me to share with you all. Voicemail message from Kate, partner with Duke Energy for 1/2 off energy study for the city -*Gracie Erwin, Staff Liaison*

Email out this to ESB

C. Discussion of a resolution for climate change with monitoring -*Frances Rundlett, board member*

Move to next meeting

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. City Splash Pad, Powered by Solar - *Ann Twiggs, Board member*

B. Upcoming 2045 Comprehensive Plan, Discuss and provide input for a safe clean environment as a priority - *Katie Breckheimer, Board Member*

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