



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

Thursday, December 16, 2021 – 3:00 PM



MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Roll Call by Mary Ellen Kustin.

2. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

A. Consideration of Agenda- *Mary Ellen Kustin, Chairperson*

AGENDA ITEMS

2. Adoption of ESB minutes from Thursday November 18th, 2021- *Gracie Erwin, Staff Liaison*

3. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. Sub Committee, Bee City Update- *Kim Bailey, Boardperson*

Establish new chair for Bee City

The City of Hendersonville has renewed their Bee City agreement on the terms that Bee City will be transferred to a non profit. This non profit is planned to be Bullington Gardens.

The city will transfer its funding usually allocated to Bee City (hosted under ESB) to Bullington Gardens. The goal is by February for everything to be official, and signed off on. This includes a contract between the City and Bullington Gardens. There will be a press release in February highlighting this partnership.

Kim Bailey, who has hosted a lot of work of Bee city states that this migration is much like the bees do. The bees swarm to a new hive when they have outgrown their current home.

ESB will need one member to serve on a leadership committee with Bullington Gardens. Will Garvy has volunteered to serve as this liaison.

Other updates: Dumpster improvements- the corral around dumpster was an eyesore. Now the support posts have been painted. The areas that need to be yellow for visibility have been painted. Black areas that need to be painted have yet to be completed.

The gardens are looking amazing. All the plants look very healthy and as they should during this time of year. A big thank you to the tree board for their work on this as well!

Hendersonville ESB is to be highlighted in the Xerces blog in March.

A big big thank you also goes to John Connet for helping ESB continue and allowing it to move forward in a new home!

B. Recycling subcommittee update- *Gray Jernigan, Boardmember*

Working to be Plastic Free questionnaire- *Kelly Pahle, Boardmember*

Update from Gray- Window clings look great. All 13 early adopters got their clings, and info is live on website.

Goal to survey city (on boarding idea) in regards to sustainability plan. Make suggestions to reduce single use plastics.

Update from Gerri for recycling- Gracie to introduce her, Mary Ellen to Jamie from downtown events via email.

Kelly is in the process of getting a plastics review questionnaire together.

C. Sustainability Planning update- *Caroline Beamer, Co chairperson*

Highlights of initial subcommittee meeting on 12/14/21

9 people were in attendance at the subcommittee update, and Matthew Manley provided great input. There will be two meetings in January.

They have narrowed down subjects of interests into five different "buckets"

-Energy

-Waste Management

-Water Quality

-Development

-Air Quality

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

none

PUBLIC COMMENT

5. Public Comment- *Allotted 15 minutes*

No Public Comment

DISCUSSION ITEMS

none

NEW BUSINESS

none

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