CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

Operations Center – Second Floor Conference Room | 305 Williams St. | Hendersonville, NC 28792
Tuesday, November 10, 2026 – 5:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:40 P.M.

Members present: Emily Davidson, Kimberly Blackwell, John Carr, Joey Burnett, and Virginia Tegel

Members absent: Hana Price and Jill Carter

Members of the public present: Ed Skvark from the Tree Board

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Emily motioned to approve first followed by John

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Emily motioned to approve first followed by Virginia

BUSINESS

City Council Update - *Gina Baxter, City Council Member*

City Council is moving towards combining this board with the Tree Board

Caitlyn brought up the idea of having board meetings every other month with the alternating months having subcommittees meet

Chimney Swift Tower Update - *Joey Burnett, Member*

Joey mentioned he estimates a 15’ tower 2x2’ wide or 6x6’ wide with the informational sign. He has a group of volunteers ready to build and estimate construction to start in March pending City Council approval

Caitlyn will reach out to community members for support in remaking Crystal Cauley’s bird sanctuary sign which is in need of repair. Virginia mentioned Diamond Cash would be a person to reach out to that may know more about the sign.

Virginia offered to use her garage to build the structure

John is reaching out to Wild Bird Unlimited to see if they are interested in sponsoring

Next steps: once Caitlyn gets a budget estimate for materials, the board will present to City Council for approval

SDS battery – Joey is looking into a locksmith and Caitlyn is requesting another half load of mulch

Review FY27 Community Engagement Plans - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison*

Caitlyn is emailing a list to member for review

Hendo Earth Fest

No leads from emailing volunteer list. Emily is contacting past subcommittee members. Caitlyn submitted special events application and is following up with the Visitor's Center to reserve

Decide on Annual Retreat Date - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison*

Retreat will be during the regular ESB meeting in December at Emily's house and will be a potluck

Potential partnership with Bruce Drysdale Elementary on a composting project - *Virginia Tegel, Member*

Virginia is working with Bruce Drysdale Elementary on compost program with the board donating a compost bin. Hana will work on getting support from the Interact Club to collaborate

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

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