



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



Tuesday, October 14, 2025 – 4:30 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of September 2025 ESB meeting minutes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. *Reminder of board appreciation dinner - Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison*

Please RSVP yes or no if you haven't already:

https://www.cognitoforms.com/CityOfHendersonville4/_2025BoardAppreciationEventRSVP

B. *Hendo Earth Fest Update - Emily Davidson, Chair, Virginia Tegel, Member, Elle Travis, Caregivers of Mother Earth*

Discuss non-profit partnership with Caregivers of Mother Earth

Discuss board participation

C. *Sustainability Demonstration Station Update - Virginia Tegel, Member and Alicia Stump, Member*

Discuss board participation and sign up for once/month maintenance

Discuss issues with trash and storage

D. *Hendo Green Partnership Update - Jane Edgar, Member*

6. CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. *Upcoming board retreat - Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison, Emily Davidson, Chair*

This will be a hands on interactive retreat to reflect on ESB's recent wins and discuss future goals and priorities. We will meet at the small pavilion at Patton Park and members are encouraged to bring their own potluck dish to share. There will not be a Zoom option for this meeting so please plan to come in person.

B. New City newsletter - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison*

C. Vote on new November meeting time - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison*

Next meeting is scheduled for November 11th which is Veteran's Day and City offices are closed

8. ADJOURNMENT

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City Operations Center – 2nd Floor Meeting Room | 305 Williams St. |
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Tuesday, September 09, 2025 – 4:30 PM



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Emily Davidson called the meeting to order at 4:37pm. Judy Moolten absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jill Carter motioned to approve first followed by Alicia Stump

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Fiona McCully motioned to approve August 12, 2025 meeting minutes first followed by Jill Carter

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

French Broad environmental impacts are scheduled to be completed this fall

Water & Sewer Commission update – City of Hendersonville and Henderson County approved interlocal agreement

Arbor Day grant

- Caitlyn Gendusa added more details that the grant is for \$35,000 and will include tree giveaways, tree planting on City property, and contract work

OLD BUSINESS

Hendo Green Partnership Update - *Jane Edgar, Member; Fiona McColley, Vice-Chair; and Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison* (7 minutes)

ESB members should update list of businesses and organizations to reach out to. Caitlyn Gendusa is vetting list to ensure they are either located within City limits or are locally owned and operated within the City.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gwuyGg1g-vWrlB8q6_26wYLBld1jp9eTrnhozTvAmY/edit?usp=sharing

Alicia Stump reached out to all farmers market vendors to sign up for Hendo Green Partnership

OUTREACH DATES

ESB Outreach Dates - *Emily Davidson, Chair* (5 minutes)

SDS at Farmers Market: September 13th - Symbolic Monarch Migration Month

Alicia Stump will help setup and Virginia Tegel will take over after from 7:30-10am and Omar Zafra from 10am-1pm

ESB volunteers needed for 9/27 Chef Day at Farmers Market for compost of food scraps and containers.

SDS at Farmers Market: October 11th

Kyla Christensen will be there from 10am-1pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of moving meetings back to the City Operations Assembly Room - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison*

Unanimous approval to move meetings back to the City Operations Center assembly room

Hendo Earth Fest Update - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison* (5 minutes)

8. Review ESB Annual Report - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison* (10 minutes)

9. Edible landscaping and native plants - *Virginia Tegel, Member* (5 minutes)

Note from Caitlyn - Public Works recently planted 20 native berry bushes along the Oklawaha Trail (35.335458, -82.464744). From talking with our Property Maintenance Supervisor, the City prioritizes native plants and estimates about 90% of new plants purchased are native.

Caitlyn Gendusa will send the letter to City Council requesting additional native, pollinator, and open space landscaping and park space to board members to add to before being sent out.

10. Support for Ecusta Trail - *Virginia Tegel, Member* (7 minutes)

ADJOURNMENT

Emily Davidson motioned to adjourn first followed by Kyla Christensen

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