



# CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TREE BOARD - REGULAR MEETING

Operations Center - Assembly Room | 305 Williams St. | Hendersonville NC 28792  
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 – 2:00 PM

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## AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. May 16, 2023 Minutes
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Public Relations Update – Mary Jo Padgett
  - B. Tree Board Involvement in Upcoming Sustainability Plan – Caitlyn Gendusa
  - C. Bee City Update and Proposed Changes
  - D. Conditional Zoning Districts
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Tree Board Ordinance Revision Committee Update – Glenn Lange
  - B. Tree Canopy Study
  - C. Pollinator Bed Traffic Island Four Seasons Boulevard
  - D. NeighborWoods & Other Tree Planting Projects for 2023
  - E. 2024 Tree Board Budget
  - F. Utility Update
6. **OTHER BUSINESS**
  - A. Staff Comments
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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### MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: DEBBIE ROUNDTREE, MAC BRACKETT, BECCA DOLL, MARY SMITH, GLEN LANGE

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: ARIAS CRISMALI, JOE PEISOS

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

2:05

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to Approve: Glen Lange

Second: Mary Davis

Approved

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes - April 18, 2023

Motion to Approve: Becca Doll

Second: Mary Davis

Approved - No Changes

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Relations Update – Mary Jo Padgett

B. Conditional Zoning Districts

N/A

C. Seventh Avenue. Garden - Fruit Trees and edible plants

Board supports adding fruit trees to the Seventh Ave Garden

D. Garden Jubilee - Proposed Banned Plant List

In an effort to reduce invasive species in our surrounding area Bee City USA's local leadership team. Asheville Botanical Society's Banned Plant List for their Annual Plant Sale was brought to the board to be used as a guiding document for Garden Jubilee Vendors. This document would ban selling invasive species on City Property. It was voted upon by the Tree Board and adopted as a concept. The document was sent to the Downtown Office where it was denied for

the current year. They would like for it to be brought up after this years Jubilee as they do not have time to answer questions from vendors 10 days before the event. They said they would bring it up in the after-action review. They also inquired if the action is legal if there is no city ordinance supporting this action. They also noted that Garden Jubilee is not a City run event and raised the question if we could limit what vendors sell.

Motion to Approve: Mary Davis

Second: Glen Lange

Approved

The following letter was sent to the Community Development Department's Downtown manager.

## CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE

*The City of Four Seasons*

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
Mark Stierwalt, Superintendent

In an effort to combat invasive species in Hendersonville and surrounding areas, the Tree Board voted to support this effort to eliminate invasive species sales at our public events on City property.

Starting in 2024 Garden Jubilee will not allow the following plants to be sold at the festival. Most of these are well-known invasive species. We know most responsible growers would not sell most of these varieties. We would prefer that vendors not sell them this year if possible. We understand that if you grew some of these specifically for Garden Jubilee, we will allow them this year. Please refrain from selling anything on this list next year or risk losing your booth space. This list was compiled by the Asheville Botanical Society and agreed upon by the Hendersonville Tree Board and the local Leadership Team of Bee City USA.

Ailanthus altissima (Tree of Heaven) Albizia julibrissin (Silktree/Mimosa) Artemesia vulgaris (Mugwort)  
Arum italicum (Italian Arum) Arundo donax (Giant Reed)  
Berberis thunbergii (Japanese Barberry) Celastrus orbiculatus (Oriental Bittersweet) Dioscorea bulbifera, D. oppositifolia, etc. (Non- native Yams)  
Elaeagnus angustifolia (Russian Olive) Elaeagnus umbellata (Autumn Olive) Elaeagnus pungens (Thorny Olive) Euonymus fortunei (Winter Creeper) Euonymus alata (Burning Bush)  
Euphorbias (all that are non-native to Southern Appalachians)  
Hedera helix (English Ivy) Hemerocallis (Daylilly)

Koelreuteria paniculata (Golden Rain tree) Ligustrum sinense, L. vulgare, L. japonicum, L. lucidum, etc.  
(Privet – including cultivars)

Lonicera maackii, L. morrowii, L. tatarica, etc. (Bush Honeysuckle)

Lonicera japonica (Japanese Honeysuckle) Lythrum salicaria (Purple Loosestrife) Melia  
azedarach (Chinaberry)

Miscanthus sinensis (Plume Grass – including cultivars)

Nandina domestica (Nandina) Paulownia tomentosa (Princesstree) Phyllostachys sp  
(Exotic Bamboos)

Polygonatum cuspidatum (Japanese Knotweed) Populus candicans (Balm of Gilead)

Pyrus calleryana (Bradford Pear)

Rosa multiflora, R. bracteata, R. laevigata (Multiflora and non-native aggressive Roses) Spiraea  
japonica (Japanese Spiraea)

Triadica sebifera (Tallowtree) Vinca minor, V. major (Periwinkle)

Wisteria floribunda, W. sinensis (Non-native Wisterias)



If you have any comments or suggestions pertaining to this list, please feel free to email at the address below.

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## 5. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Changes to City Ordinances/Zoning Concerning Trees – Glenn Lange

Mr. Lange requested several documents be provided to the members of the committee.

### B. Canopy Study Grant

In process and waiting to hear back from the company as to the start date.

### C. Pollinator Bed Traffic Island Four Seasons Boulevard

Plants should start to go in this week.

### D. NeighborWoods & Other Tree Planting Projects for 2023

### E. Bee City Update

The Public Works Department has requested that the local affiliate shift from purely an educational endeavor to focusing on the new and existing pollinator beds and meadows on city owned property. This will be more of a “boots on the ground” approach focusing on providing better habitat and food sources for pollinators. The city will also provide a staff member to help manage the program. Thus, they city will no longer need for Bullington Gardens to manage the program. The City is extremely grateful for Bullington Gardens management of the program and commends them for executing a fantastic pollinator program. We also would like to thank Patrice German, the program coordinator, for pouring her heart and soul into the program and providing wonderful educational experiences for young an old alike.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

### A. Staff Comments

1. There is a possible working relationship with Blue Ridge Community College’s Horticulture Program that is being vetted.

2. The Parks department will be hosting 6 new positions in the upcoming year. 2 will be designated for downtown and Seventh Ave Districts.

3. Construction of the new Disc Golf Course will be starting soon and a selective harvest approach will be utilized and corridors will need created for the holes.

### B. 2023/2024 Tree Board Budget

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

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REPORT TO: Hendersonville Tree Board  
FROM: Mary Jo Padgett, PR Consultant  
RE: Publicity Report for May Board meeting  
DATE: June 20, 2023

Publicity/ events since last board meeting --

*PR on Pollinator Month in June* – Additional correspondence in regards to Pollinator Month, and a news release was sent to various local media on the subject. Events are scheduled throughout the month of June.

*Planning for Tree Walk in August* – Details are being discussed.

Upcoming Calendar of Events --

**HENDERSONVILLE TREE BOARD CALENDAR 2023**

*June – Pollinator Month.* Bee City USA – Hendersonville has created an extensive calendar for the month's activities and events.

*August – Bee Bold Festival at Bold Rock Cidery, Mills River.* Bee City USA - Hendersonville will have a booth at this event.

*August – Learn About Trees on Main Street.* Educational program. Details to be announced.

*Sept. 1-4 – NC Apple Festival*

*Oct. 7 – Farm-City Day, Jackson Park.* Bee City USA will participate.

*Fall – NeighborWoods tree plantings.*

## City of Hendersonville

### Sustainability Strategic Plan Public Input Meeting

#### Parameters of Public Input Meeting:

- Goals of public input meeting:
  - Gain a holistic, comprehensive picture of the collective community-wide perception of sustainability, what focus areas are most important, and the priorities that should be implemented on the municipal level.
- Outcomes of the sustainability plan:
  - Measurable goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions or carbon emissions
  - Addresses focus areas: energy, transportation, land management, waste management, water, and community involvement
- Representative requirements:
  - The sustainability plan will be completed *specifically* in regards to municipal operations (not residential or commercial). While feedback on initiatives that involve public support is important, that is not the focus of the sustainability plan. The Community Involvement category is where residential and commercial involvement discussions will take place.
  - Representatives should refrain from talking about their own specific company/board/private involvement and priorities in the specific topic area to keep this a holistic and integrated approach. Instead, focus on the discussion topics and overall focus area topic as it relates to municipal City operations. For residential and commercial involvement on a specific focus area topic, please guide those folks to the Community Involvement focus area table.
  - Representatives are of course welcome to tell participants they are involved in a business or board, but representatives are not there to represent those entities, instead they should be there representing the specific focus area as a whole.

#### Tables:

##### 1. Land Management

- a. **Goal Overview:** Increase and enhance City owned green spaces while improving tree canopy cover, protecting biodiversity, and improving the overall health and character of our City.
- b. **Representative:**
  - i. Session 1, 10am-12pm: Tree Board – tree canopy and importance of biodiversity
  - ii. Session 2, 5:30-7:30pm: Jane Grossman – Community gardens and pollinator habitat
- c. **Discussion topics:** City tree canopy, pollinators, community gardens, and native landscaping on City property
  - i. What is most important to you in terms of the City's land management sustainability initiatives?



- ii. What are specific goals you would like the City to reach in these areas?

#### Other tables

(for informational purposes and if other members would like to participate in):

#### 2. Energy

- a. **Goal Overview:** Improve energy efficiency and increase our reliance on renewable energy sources for City operations.
- b. **Representative:**
  - i. Session 1, 10am-12pm:
  - ii. Session 2, 5:30-7:30pm:
- c. **Discussion topics:** Increased renewable energy and building efficiency
  - i. What is most important to you in terms of the City's energy sustainability initiatives?
  - ii. What are specific goals you would like the City to reach in these areas?

#### 3. Transportation

- a. **Goal Overview:** Reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the City's fleet while prioritizing consistency and efficiency of service; Promote access to small businesses and sense-of-community while improving citizen health and equitable community connectivity through increased walkability and bikeability.
- b. **Representative:**
  - i. Session 1, 10am-12pm:
  - ii. Session 2, 5:30-7:30pm:
- c. **Discussion topics:** Increased bikeability and walkability for Hendersonville; electric vehicle infrastructure; and lower emission alternative fuels (propane for example)
  - i. What is most important to you in terms of the City's transportation sustainability initiatives?
  - ii. What are specific goals you would like the City to reach in these areas?

#### 4. Waste Management

- a. **Goal Overview:** Reduce the amount of Municipal Solid Waste sent to the landfill through recycling, composting, and other waste reduction efforts.
- b. **Representative:**
  - i. Session 1, 10am-12pm:
  - ii. Session 2, 5:30-7:30pm:
- c. **Discussion topics:**
  - i. What is most important to you in terms of the City's waste management sustainability initiatives?
  - ii. What are specific goals you would like the City to reach in these areas?

- iii. The current recycling rate City-wide is 30%. How can we (City, residents, and businesses) increase this percentage? What other waste reduction strategies should the City focus on?

## 5. Water

- a. **Goal Overview:** Ensure safe and reliable drinking water supply for all Hendersonville citizens; Preserve and protect natural aquatic resources affected by actions under the jurisdiction of the City of Hendersonville; Identify and address community flood hazards and reduce infrastructure vulnerability to flood hazard
- b. **Representative:**
  - i. Session 1, 10am-12pm:
  - ii. Session 2, 5:30-7:30pm:
- c. **Discussion topics:**
  - i. What is most important to you in terms of the City's water related sustainability initiatives?
  - ii. What are specific goals you would like the City to reach in these areas?

## 6. Community Involvement

- a. **Goal Overview:** Provide recommendations for how residents and businesses can incorporate sustainable practices in their lives and communities.
- b. **Representative:**
  - i. Session 1, 10am-12pm:
  - ii. Session 2, 5:30-7:30pm:
- c. **Discussion topics:**
  - i. While residential and commercial level attributes of the sustainability plan are limited, that doesn't mean these areas aren't important. Outside of City municipal sustainability initiatives and goals, what do you think is most important to you in terms of the City's sustainability initiatives relating to residential and commercial involvement?
  - ii. What are specific goals you would like the City to reach in these areas?

## **Adopted Tree Board Budget**

Budget for 2023/2024:

Tree Replacement & Supplies	\$1,500
Arborist Services	\$2,000
Publicity	\$3,000
Arbor Day	\$250
<b>NeighborWoods -</b>	<b>\$6,000 (\$4000)</b>
<b>Tree Planting on Greenway</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
Greenway Maintenance	\$1000
<b>Planting of Pollinator Bed Pump Station</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Maintenance of Pollinator Beds:</b>	
Hands On Museum and Bearcat Loop	\$5,000
Pump Station Four Seasons Boulevard	\$5,000
Four Seasons Boulevard (Triangle)	\$5,000
<b>Invasives species chemicals</b>	<b>\$2,250</b>
<b>HWY 64 Maintenance</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

**Total Request - \$71,000.00**

**\$17,250.00 - Moved to Parks Department maintenance budget**

**New Total - \$53,750.00**