MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Lucy Butler
Andrew Myers
Shane Laughter
John Harrison
Michael Savage
Chris Grose
Stephen Tillotson
Stephanie Grady Nance
Commissioner McCall

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Phillip Ellis
Autumn Radcliff
Matt Champion

1. Approval of agenda  3:02 pm

2. New Business
   a. Introductions
   b. LID Presentation – Philip Ellis and Chris Grose
      • Phillip Ellis and Chris Grose led a presentation on LID (Low Impact Design), hydromodification, and urban stream syndrome. They discussed the benefits of the LID approach, not just for the environment, but also for the local economy, and quality of life.

3. Old Business
   a. LID Statement
      • After this presentation, the EAC reviewed the drafted LID Statement to be included in RFQs and RFPs. All members of the EAC were in support of the effort and agreed to vote on the final version over email. Christine & Andy will finalize the statement and send to EAC members for approval to have in front of the BOC by the November 4th meeting.
   b. Sustainability plan and awards update
      • Henderson County is now a member of the Southeast Sustainability Directors Network, which will connect her to other people who have undergone similar plans and will open Henderson County to additional grant opportunities that could support the County’s sustainability plan.
• On the awards front, the EAC discussed the idea and all new EAC members were in support of the plan.
• Commission McCall thought it was a great idea and suggested that the award should be open to all residents, not just Henderson County employees, and had ideas for potential nominees.
• It was agreed that the award should remain budget neutral and include a certificate and recognition during a BOC meeting. Idea is to do 4 awards per year, McCall suggested that we announce 4 once per year (instead of announcing 1, 4 times a year).
• John suggested we create a press release and prioritize the outreach of the award as much as the award itself.
• Andy & Christine will finish drafting the award language & criteria and share with the EAC for approval. Christine will then share with Amy & Janice before sending to BOC. The aim is to have this in front of the BOC for the November 4th meeting.

c. Annual report
• EAC members read and unanimously approved the annual report drafted by EAC Chair, Andy Myers. Christine Brown will send the annual report to Terry to distribute to BOC.

4. Environmental Programs’ Announcements
a. VW Settlement Grants
   i. Diesel Vehicles
   ii. EV DC Charging Stations
• Christine Brown reported that the County applied for the VW Settlement grants for the Rescue Squad, Facility Services and EV DC charging station in the overflow lot of the Henderson County Courthouse. Christine shared that Henderson County is in the priority corridor (and we are within 5 miles of the interstate) for this grant so the probability is high.
• We should hear whether we receive this grant or not by January of 2020.

b. Dana Elementary compost pilot
• The compost program has begun! The cafeteria has gone from 11 trash bags at lunch time, to 1-2 bags during lunch.
• There was great coverage of the efforts which helps to encourage continued participation by the school & encourages other schools to participate.
• Commissioner McCall suggested we reached out to Edneyville as a second location. Christine is looking into the budget to see how much money remains for expanding to new schools.
• Lucy also brought up the idea of “Share Tables” that other schools use to help reduce waste by allowing students to place unwanted food items on a communal table.
• Several EAC members were interested in further researching this concept and seeing what can be replicated here. Christine mentioned that in SC, the SCDHEC created the program so we could potentially pursue this through the NC DEQ.
c. **DEACS grant update**
   - The county received a DEACS grant to create a Type 3 compost facility - which will be able to handle pre/post-consumer food waste & yard trimmings. She is currently seeking approval from Department of Environmental Quality to get started on the facility.
   - The compost program at the convenience center is growing - with 3 tons of food waste collected in August.

d. **Apple Festival update**
   - During the Apple Festival, almost a ton of compost was collected, though we still had about 10 tons of garbage, so there is room to go.
   - Next year, we need more volunteers for weigh stations outside of just the food court area.

e. **HCSW Solid Waste Master Plan**
   - McGill (the company hired to create the SW Master Plan) is working on the plan and it should be ready by December/January. After this, the plan will be brought to the EAC & the County will hold public comments.
   - This plan will help us determine the location of the compost facility.

5. **OTHER:**
   - Commission McCall mentioned that the EAC should show support for the Ecusta trail. There is a meeting with the Transportation Advisory Committee coming up on November 20th where EAC members should show support.

**Next EAC Meeting:** Thursday, December 5th at 3:00 pm

**Adjournment** 4:25 pm