



## Environmental Advisory Committee MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 2, 2020

**VIRTUAL Meeting**

3:00 pm

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Andy Myers  
Grady Nance  
Lucy Butler  
John Harrison  
Stefanie Wolf  
Chris Grose  
Stephen Tillotson  
Michael Savage

### Others in attendance:

Autumn Radcliff  
Toby Linville  
Matt Champion  
Kim Bailey

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

#### 1. Approval of agenda

Grady made a motion to approve the agenda. Stephen seconds. Agenda approved unanimously.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

Grady made a motion to approve the agenda. Lucy seconds. February minutes approved unanimously.

#### 3. New Business

##### a. Bee City Hendersonville and ESB – Kim Bailey

Kim Bailey from the City's Environmental Sustainability discussed the Bee City Hendersonville joint program between the city's Tree Board and ESB. The goal of the program is to create healthy habitats and raise awareness for pollinators. Their annual event expanded from pollinator week to month and now to year around events on the City's [Pollinator Events page](#). The events will most likely be postponed but the EAC could help with others in the future. She also discussed the [Bring the Hive Alive](#) mural that will be painted on the side of Hands On Children's Museum by Matt Willey from the Good of the Hive. The EAC could help support by sharing the crowdfunding opportunities and thank/support sponsors.



Other ESB initiatives include reducing single use plastics through a voluntary bag ban and offering sustainable alternatives (reusable straw, to-go containers, etc.) that can help raise funds for bee mural. FernLeaf honeybee Kindergarten class made notecards that could be a great alternative to engage with the community.

The City is still selling [rain barrels](#) at cost that can be picked up at city operations. Kim also shared Conserving Carolina's [Habitat at Home Contest](#). Stephen offered to donate native seed packets for the bee mural initiative and has 1,000 Virginia Pine saplings that would have gone to students. Kim will connect Stephen to Matt Breckett from the Tree Board who works on the NeighborWoods and Arbor Day programs.

#### **4. Old Business**

a. Approve questions for Duke Energy

The EAC approved the compiled list of questions for Duke Energy representatives at the next meeting. Christine will check to see if they can attend virtually.

b. Awards Update

The EAC voted on "Henderson County Eco Heroes" for the Awards program. Andy will check the description and Christine will send it to Commissioner Rebecca McCall.

c. Solid Waste Master Plan Update

The Solid Waste Master Plan Presentation is on hold until further notice. Christine will keep the committee updated on deadlines. Andy suggested that the EAC include similar language from the LID statement.

d. Reschedule SW field trip

The EAC will reschedule the field trip at the next meeting.

#### **5. Environmental Programs' Announcements**

a. COVID-19 Update

Henderson County Solid Waste continues to operate on normal hours but urges social distancing. Christine suggested to thank a public works or solid waste employee during this time.

b. Spring HHW Canceled

Due to COVID-19, Solid Waste decided to cancel the April and May HHW events but may be able to hold one in the summer.



c. 2020 DEACS grant awarded

Henderson County Solid Waste was awarded a 40K grant to purchase a mixer for the compost facility. The compost facility engineering designs have been completed and the next step is to release an RFP for the construction. Grady asked the capacity of the facility. Christine responded with 80 tons. Correction: The facility's capacity is 8,000 tons.

d. SSDN Annual Meeting – Virtual

Christine will attend Southeast Sustainability Directors Network's annual meeting virtually in May. Sessions include Resilience Planning, Waste Reduction, Innovative Funding Policies for Climate Action, Incorporating Climate Action and Equity into Planning Efforts, and Stormwater Management and Green Infrastructure.

e. Sustainability Planning

Christine is attending the Energy Management Diploma program at NCSU with Facility Services' Maintenance Supervisor. The commute gave valuable time to discuss energy improvements of low hanging fruit that can be incorporated in the Sustainability Plan. Christine is still working with FacilityDude to update energy data. Other Counties have had this problem in including Buncombe County Schools. Andy asked about the development of a dedicated fund generated from energy savings. Christine will reach out the SSDN staff.

f. Earth Day

Christine is working to pivot Earth Day projects to be virtual including an Earth Day proclamation, Solid Waste Appreciation Week, Earth Day Challenge App. Andy suggested announcing the awards during Earth Day. Stephen suggested videos on what you can do at home and that a neighborhood cleanup may be too risky. Chris suggested invasive species removal and pollinator kits from the [Kids Seed Company](#). John suggested Bullington Gardens curbside pickup.

g. Hard to Recycle

Christine announced the plan to host a Hard to Recycle event FY21.

**Next EAC Meeting:** June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 3:00 PM

**Adjournment** 4:15pm