



Environmental Advisory Committee MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 1st, 2020

3:00 PM Virtual Meeting

[Zoom](#)

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lucy Butler
Neil Brown
Grady Nance
Chris Berg
Andy Myers
Michael Savage
Stephen Tillotson
Stefanie Wolf

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Champion

1. **Approval of agenda:** Lucy made a motion to approve the agenda, Grady Nance seconded, all voted in favor, motion passes at 3: 09pm.
2. **Approval of August Minutes** Lucy Butler made a motion to approve the August minutes, Stephen Tillotson seconded, all voted in favor, motion passes at 3:10pm.
3. **New Business**
 - a. Welcome new member Introductions to welcome new members
 - b. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion within Henderson County
Lucy asked if the EAC can solicit members and mentioned the NCAACP and El Centro as possible groups to contact. Lucy thinks expanding the committee to be more diverse is critical to represent our community and suggested each committee member reach out to their contacts. Grady seconded. Neil Brown asked if the EAC could solicit comments from others not on the EAC. Neil is concerned about bulldozing trees being torn down for apartment complexes and would like to get comments from others. Andy asked if the material and information for the EAC could get translated and mentioned the translating function on Zoom makes monolingual Spanish speaker possible to be on the committee. Christine asked about community groups presenting to the EAC. Lucy suggested El Centro. Chris Berg suggested sending a press release to local Spanish media group, El Vox. The next vacancies are for June 2021. Christine will work on translating materials and request community speakers. Lucy will lead outreach efforts. Neil suggested reaching out to Future Farmers of America. Lucy suggest reaching out to Blue Ridge Community College for younger representation. Lucy



suggested Crystal Figueroa and Preston Blakely.

4. Old Business

a. Awards Update

Christine sent the EAC Awards press release to the PIO but has not seen it picked up by any websites yet and has not received a submission. Christine will follow up with the County PIO.

b. Flat Rock Asphalt Plant

Christine updated the group on the SE Asphalt Plant pulling their application. Neil asked if the company can re-apply in 6 months. Lucy said yes and asked if the asphalt letter from the EAC was sent to the Commissioners. Christine confirmed. Grady thinks the company is planning on re-applying. Andy thanked Grady for writing the draft. Matt Champion confirmed that they can re-apply but must wait 6 months.

c. LID Statement

Staff received direction from Commissioner Lapsley to submit the LID initiative to the Board of Commissioners for an official vote. It is planned to be on the October 21st meeting.

5. Environmental Programs Update

a. Upcoming Recycling Events

i. Hard to Recycle

October 10th is Henderson County's first Hard to Recycle event and still need volunteers.

ii. Political Signs

Christine is working with Parks and Recreation to collect campaign signs at Jackson Park after the election.

iii. Pumpkin Drop off

Solid Waste will be collecting pumpkins at the Convenience Center.

b. Sustainability planning

Christine is still working on updating the Utility Tracker. Christine shared a draft outline of a sustainability plan. Lucy asked if we could get a copy. Andy asked about the Green Fund and Christine will work to have an outline by the December meeting.

c. Other comments

Lucy asked about the status of the lunchroom composting program and thinks it is a great program to continue despite the pandemic. Christine showed the EAC the updated budget for the USDA grant. Compost facility should be finished in October. Lucy is also interested in touring County facilities and requested Christine facilitate a tour of the compost facility by offering different timeslots.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm.