



Environmental Advisory Committee MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, December 3rd, 2020
3:00 PM Virtual Meeting

Andy Myers
Stephen Tillotson
Grady Nance
Chris Berg
Lucy Butler

Others in Attendance:

Zach Ambrose
Autumn Radcliff
Matt Champion

1. Approval of agenda 3:04 pm

2. Approval of October Summary 3:05pm

3. New Business

a. Zach Ambrose, Cities Initiative

- i. Presented an overview of the program and current collaborative action items.
- ii. Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) is a lead and facilitator on the project; program started in 2018 that brings together local governments to identify gaps to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Currently working on Phase 2 of facilitated working and break out sessions
- iii. No cost to join but ask local governments provide an active staff member (staff time) to participate in the dialog and funding for travel if in-person meetings resume.
- iv. Andy asked about C-PACE vs. PAYS. C-PACE is on the property tax side and PAYS is on the utility side.
- v. Andy made a motion for Henderson County to participate in the Cities Initiative.
- vi. Lucy agreed that this is ambitious, broad based work and seconds the motion to join.
- vii. For next steps, Christine will draft an agenda item for January.
- viii. Grady suggested drafting a cover letter for the BOC explaining why the County should join and seconded the motion.
- ix. All voted in favor for Henderson County to join the Cities Initiative.

4. Old Business

a. LID Initiative Update

- i. The LID Initiative was tabled at the November 18th, 2020 BOC meeting.



- ii. Grady clarified that the January meetings will have the new BOC.
- iii. Andy will schedule a meeting with Commissioners.

b. Green Fund

- i. Christine met with the Finance Director who thought this account could be established. Andy reminded the group that Facility Services is working on an LED lighting upgrade for the 95 Courthouse.
- ii. Andy suggested bringing research to next EAC meeting, February 4th.
- iii. Andy Myers and Chris Berg offered to join the subcommittee.

c. SolSmart

- i. SolSmart program designates cities and counties as a Bronze, Silver or Gold SolSmart community.
- ii. Christine presented this program previously to the EAC but forgot to get a formal vote from the EAC.
- iii. Stephen made a motion to present to the BOC that Henderson County become a SolSmart community. Lucy seconded the motion, all were in favor of Henderson County being designated as a SolSmart community.

5. Environmental Programs Update

a. Upcoming events

- i. Pumpkin event went well and collected three gaylords of pumpkins.
- ii. Also collected ½ dumpster of campaign signs and metal stakes
- iii. Mountain True hosting annual holiday recycling event, January 9th from 9am – 2pm.
- iv. County will be hosting two Hard to Recycle events in March and October.
 - 1. Stephen suggested Mills River Park.
- v. Hosting compost workshops in January through May to support the pre-sale program.
 - 1. Grady suggested recording the workshops to share
 - 2. EAC suggested during lunch and late afternoon
 - a. Stephen suggested doing teaser videos for the events.
 - b. Also advertise on local nonprofits and co-op newsletters.
 - 3. Selling compost bins at \$25/bin in March.

b. Compost facility pilot

- i. Henderson County has poured the concrete for the trenched floors and have to connect the aeration kit.

6. Adjourn 4:03 pm

Next meeting is Thursday February 4th, 2021