



Environmental Advisory Committee MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, February 2nd, 2023, 3:00pm

In Person: King Street Meeting Room- 100 North King Street

Present members:

Neil Brown, Sissy Owen, Nancy Diaz, Jay
Naparstek, Kevin Campbell, Stephen
Tillotson, Chris Berg, Joe Criscione

Others present: Amy Schmitte, Will Garvey

3pm start time

- 1. Approval of February Agenda- Unanimous approval for agenda**
- 2. Approval of December Summary- Unanimous approval for summary**
- 3. Informal Public Comment N/A**
- 4. New Business**
 - a. Bylaw changes- 2 changes to the bylaws related to meeting dates and elections.
Unanimous vote to update the bylaws
 - b. Priorities-ranking
 - i. Results from survey-Top 4 priorities: residential and commercial development, public transportation, flood plain, tree canopy. Others to note: land use, compost/food waste, single use plastics, green energy. Members discussed how to move forward with information from survey.
 - ii. Will Garvey-Member of the City of Hendersonville Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB) talked with the EAC about the city's initiative () with a focus on five key items: Energy, Transportation, Waste Management, Water quality/quantity, Land management and Conservation. Potential for EAC to contribute to this plan and gain insight on how to move forward with similar tasks for the EAC. Will will keep the EAC updated via Amy as to when/how the EAC can be involved.
 - iii. Sub-committees-
 1. Trees: Neil and Sissy
 2. Transportation: Chris
 - a. Need update on feasibility study within the county (bidding stopped in Aug 2022)



3. Single Use plastics.
4. Flood plain: Sissy, Kevin, and Nancy
 - a. Stormwater management-Mike Huffman
- c. EAC member term updates-
 - i. Michael Savage resigned-term was due to end in June. Currently 1 open spot on the committee.
 - ii. Stephen and Neil-terms will end 6/30/2023
 - iii. Need to work on publicizing openings. Possible press release and publicity at Earth Fest.

5. Old Business

- a. ECO Heroes award-Amy needs to work on this item still. Hopes to have publicity related in the next few weeks. The city ESB started a similar program: Hendersonville Sustainability Hero with nomination submissions accepted Feb 1-March 1. Winner recognized by the Mayor and Chair of ESB

6. Environmental Programs Update

- a. 2023 HHW- Spring dates: March 14th, April 11th, May 9th Fall dates: September 12th, October 10th, November 14th
- b. Foam collection
 - i. MountainTrue Holiday recycle event- Holiday recycle event with MountainTrue, City of Hendersonville Public works, Henderson County solid waste. ~350 trees collected. Addition of foam collection this year.
- c. Compost Program Update
 - i. Schools-No big updates-hopes for HC SW to start hauling and processing in the fall
 - ii. Receiving Bay-Still a work in progress
- d. DC Fast Charger update-Contract was amended, working on a purchase order now.
- e. Level 2 Chargers-No new updates
- f. Grants
 - i. DEQ-FWR-Possible \$80,000 grant applied for trommel screen and 2 aeration kits. Will find out in the Spring if awarded.
 - ii. EPA-SWIFR- Working on this grant now. \$500,000-\$4,000,000 available for Solid waste infrastructure. Proposal to include 3rd transfer station shed and compost expansion.



g. Community Events

- i. Hard 2 Recycle-hoping for March event in Edneyville, Etowah, or Mills River. Should know date soon
- ii. Hendersonville Earth Fest
- iii. Mills River Day-May 6th
- iv. International compost awareness week- May 7-13

7. Adjournment at 4:26