



Environmental Advisory Committee MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, June 6th, 2024 3:05pm

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

Present members: Nancy Diaz, Chris Berg, Jay Naparstek, Arielle Emmett, Kevin Campbell, Joe Criscione, Ben Witmeier

Others Present: Amy Schmitte, Ward Sequin, Toby Linville

1. Approval of April Summary **Unanimous**
2. Approval of June Agenda **Unanimous**
3. Informal Public Comment **N/A**

4. New Business

a. Guests

- i. Ward Sequin, Retired NOAA Meteorologist Ward presented data on frequency of heavy rainfall events and the impact on the French Broad River.

[View presentation here](#)

- ii. Toby Linville, Henderson County Floodplain Administrator Toby reviewed the flood ordinances in Henderson County. Henderson County joined National flood insurance in 2005 through FEMA. Flood ordinance resides in the Land Development Code (LDC). Basics: No construction in flood way, can build in flood plain but must build 2 ft above base flood elevation, can fill up to 20% with permitting, can fill more with special fill permit and no rise certificate, no fill in the flood way without special fill permit and no rise certificate. Anything in flood plain requires elevation certificates.

b. Vice Chair selection and promote vacancies on EAC

Vice chair role is to step up and lead meetings when the chair is unavailable. Vice chair is typically invited to meeting to plan agenda for the next meeting. Chris Berg, current Vice chair, has completed 2 terms with the EAC and this is his last meeting. The EAC needs new vice chair-no interested members present. Nancy asked Ben to fill in at next meeting if available, he will reach out to Amy if he is unavailable. Will discuss vice chair position at next meeting. As of July, the EAC will have 3 open positions. There are currently 4 applications, Amy will review and make recommendations.

c. Hendo Earth Fest steering committee

Hendo Earth Fest is planning for their 3rd event in 2025. There may be an opportunity for a member of the EAC to join the steering committee for the event and be involved in the planning. Will discuss again once new members join EAC.



5. Old Business

- a. Subcommittee groups Tree canopy group has drafted a memo for the EAC to review, draft was discussed at the meeting. Model language available for ordinances, etc these can be included as examples/things to consider. Suggestion to shorten memo and include some of the data and info as follow up. Amy will send out to committee members, any feedback is requested back by June 27th (3 weeks from meeting). Sub-committee group will review feedback and make any necessary edits to the document before it is sent onto staff for further review. Once review by staff, the EAC will send along the memo to the BOC for consideration.
Floodplain and development sub committee-Committee to digest info from today's guests and come to next meeting with any ideas to discuss if there is a need for this sub committee form/meet.
- b. AAH on Berkely Road Dates selected for the next 2 clean up events. Thursday, August 22nd from 9am-11am and Wednesday, November 6th from 9am-11am. Amy will send out calendar invites. Discussion to invite other County boards and committees to participate in the clean up events.
- c. ECO Heroes award program (Jr. and adult recognition) ECO hero have been advertised via social media, press release, HCPS and BRCC have been informed of the award program. The EAC has received 1 nomination so far. Committee members encouraged to share within their networks and organizations to help promote. Nancy will reach out to the nominee to inform them of the submission. Amy to look over nomination survey form to add relationship to nominee and adult vs Junior ECO Hero.
- d. Field trips/guests Trip to the Hendersonville wastewater treatment plant discussed. Planning to wait until the fall to visit, will allow new members to join the EAC.

6. Environmental Programs Update

- a. Foam collection
 - i. 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month
- b. Compost Program update
 - i. Spring Compost Bin Pre-Sale 137 bins sold during the presale
- c. EV charger update
- d. Grants Briefly discussed the current grant available for Multifamily unit recycling through NCDEQ. Will discuss more at the next meeting, link to grant has been shared with committee members.
- e. Community events

7. Next meeting

- a. Thursday, August 1st



8. Adjournment 4:34pm