

Sustainability Advisory Committee March 11, 2026

City of Clemson Council Chambers

Present: Jon Heiliger, Reeta Singh, Bob Fennell, Eunice Lehmacher, Rob Ellsworth, (Tony Tidwell City of Clemson) **Absent –** Shelly Geer, Cindy Hekking

Call to Order: by Reeta Singh at 6:30 pm

Public Comment: none

Action Items: none

Discussion:

- a. **Committee Goal Updates:** Committee discussed revising goals to help move them forward. Reeta suggested reviewing the mission statement and goals - This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

National Wildlife Certification: Clemson has several areas that are National Wildlife certified. Suggestion to approach someone from Clemson University. There is an upcoming student night in April where students present their sustainability projects. The committee could potentially have a table there. Bob has a flyer that could be used, but the National Wildlife Federation logo may need to be removed. Using the farmers market tables was suggested as a more appropriate way to reach residents. New neighborhoods should be targeted, but some HOAs are very strict and do not allow flowers or gardening.

Girl Scout Update: The Girl Scouts gave away 100 bags with NWF sign-up information on STEM night at Clemson Elementary and had a nice response. They are still at 135 out of 200 sign-ups. The city has been posting about it and will put their brochure up.

Energy Efficiency & Natural Resources: Discussion item b.

- b. **Low Impact and Environmental Sustainability Guidelines:** The Committee can advise the city council and planning commission on low impact and environmental objectives. Handout provided with broad recommendations for the committee to take to city council. The recommendations would primarily be for commercial sites, but could also impact residential sites. The city staff has the biggest role in bringing things to the planning commission.

Action item to vote at next meeting to take recommendations, as the Sustainability Committee, to the City's Planning Committee.

- c. Email to Art Forum Contacts and Forest Fest: An email can be sent to Art Forum contacts to invite them to the sustainability meeting and Forest Fest. Forest Fest is March 28, 10 to 2 at the experimental forest. Patricia Whitener is in charge of the Forest Fest and said she would invite everybody. The email could include a flyer and an invitation to have a table at the event.

Action: Reeta will send email.

Clemson Farmers Market: The City of Clemson has a farmers' market that meets on Wednesdays. There was a meeting for anyone who wants to have a booth, but there is a fee. The committee could get a table and have different groups take turns staffing it for a week or two. Master gardeners could answer questions, and people could display native plants.

- d. Urban and Park Land Management Report: Tony reported out - report attached

- e. New Business: None

Motion to adjourn: 7:47pm