

Sustainability Advisory Committee April 8, 2026

City of Clemson Council Chambers

Present: Jon Heiliger, Reeta Singh, Bob Fennell, Eunice Lehmacher, Shelly Geer, Cindy Hekking, Rob Ellsworth, (Tony Tidwell City of Clemson) Absent – None

Call to Order: by Reeta Singh at 6:31 pm

Motion made to approve March 11th meeting minutes; MOTIONED > 2ND > No Substantial Discussion > APPROVED

Public Comment: Andrew Evans advertised “Cultivate Clemson” event, April 18th 2026, 4-8pm, Hunnicutt Food Forest – see flyer provided (copy below) as well as follow [“StudentsForStewardship”](#) on Instagram.

Action Items: Unanimously passed motion to take to City Council the Sustainability Advisory Committee’s recommendation for city planners be equipped with necessary resources to implement “Environmental Guidelines for Land Development in Clemson”, in alignment with the City of Clemson’s recently adopted 2045 Comprehensive Plan. See latest (per Robert Fennell’s edits) April 9th version of guidelines drafted by the Sustainability Advisory Committee.

MOTIONED > 2ND > Discussed minor edits, and minor additions of “public health” mentions where suitable > APPROVED

Action: Tony Tidwell to arrange for “SAC Recommendation” to be added as agenda item to future City Council / Planning Commission meeting(s).

Discussion:

- a. CDP Cities: Rob Ellsworth introduced committee members to CDP Cities Program. Other committee members asked questions and shared initial thoughts about potential consideration of participation.

Action: Rob Ellsworth to provide more information for committee members to review in future meeting(s).

- b. City of Clemson SAC’s “Sustainability Ideas & Events Calendar”: Rob Ellsworth provided overview of draft outline for a Sustainability Calendar of ideas, and events, for SAC to promote, publicize, advertise to the City of Clemson community. Committee members discussed and assigned “Themes” for each month with intention to begin in June 2026. Bob Fennell shared “Don’t Waste Food SC” flyer. Group discussed assigning December as “Native Planting / Arbor Month”, Art Center in October, Forest Fest in the Spring or Fall, Bike to Work/School Month in September or October, etc.

Action: Shelly Geer to take lead on creating promo for June 2026, tentatively themed – “Local Food & Farmer’ Markets” / “Local Foods, Local Places”

- c. Urban and Park Land Management Report: Tony reported out - report attached
- d. New Business: None

Motion to adjourn: 7:57 pm

Motion made to adjourn by Eunice; MOTIONED by Cindi > 2ND by Shelly > ADJOURNED