

Sustainability Advisory Committee May 13, 2026

City of Clemson Council Chambers

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

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

Approval of 4/8/26 Minutes: Motion by Eunice to approve April 8th meeting minutes, 2nd by Cindy.

Discussion: Bob provided revision for Rob to make regarding updated wording to the Action Item: "...City Council equip planners with the necessary resources to implement Environmental Guidelines for Land Development in Clemson, as specified in the attached document...".

Vote: All votes in favor of approval of minutes upon revisions discussed are made.

Public Comment: 3 speakers present

1. Clemson City Mayor Robert Halfacre thanked the Sustainability Advisory Committee for the recommendations brought forth to City Council regarding potential additions to environmental guidelines for land development in Clemson for city planners to utilize in future land development activities.
2. Clemson University Graduate Student Association President, Kazi Jewel Rana to voice interest in collaborating with the Sustainability Advisory Committee and Clemson University's various student-led sustainability organizations. Reeta made mention of the Sustainability Summit / Earth Forum in October as a pre-planned upcoming event for all groups to come together and discuss potential opportunities for collaboration.
3. Clemson City, Clemson Downs Resident shared concerns regarding Mosquito Fogging in their neighborhood. Discussed both environmental and public health concerns, scheduling, and residents' ability to opt out of spraying on their property(ies). Resident has surveyed Clemson Down community to attempt to obtain majority vote to opt out of mosquito fogging but has been unsuccessful and would hope that Clemson Down management would work with residents that have a preference either way to offer an alternative to chemical spraying, or otherwise only spray properties that specifically "opt in". Resident made request to the Sustainability Advisory Committee to consider developing/providing formal advise to the City regarding environmental considerations of Mosquito pest control.
4. Clemson Elementary Students & Girl Scout Troop 3218 members - Anna Rapp, Finley Simoneaux, and Stella Kate Dyer - presented on the Girl Scout's "Silver Award Project" promoting the City of Clemson's effort to become NWF certified. A primary objective of the project was/is to educate residents on the ease and benefits of certifying their own properties. The Troop provided copy of brochures that were distributed throughout neighborhoods (over 100 informational bags handed out to local area families) and presented on the Clemson Elementary's STEM Fest (back in March). Over 56 hours were spent on this project.

Action Items: None

Discussion:

- a. Environmental Guidelines for Development
Discussion: Next steps are to update recommendations – need for a consultant to prepare more formal additions?
Action:
- b. Sustainability Monthly Promotion
Discussion: General discussion on which themes match up best with existing activities by other City, Community, and Organization events across the Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter seasons. Discussed who would take the lead on preparing content (the scope and format of the content) to be shared with City Comms personnel.
Action: Rob to create draft calendar outline and share at next meeting
- c. Discussion on Food Waste Reduction opportunities in City of Clemson
Discussion: Eunice presented on her research of Goodr, Compost House, and the University of Clemson's Composting Program, as well as other various entities and initiatives involved in promoting landfill diversion of food waste, food scrap resale, and composting efforts. Discussed various facts and statistics about food waste, food insecurities, waste diversion within the City of Clemson, and how this is a focused objective for the Sustainability Advisory Committee.
Action: (1) Learn more about [Goodr](#) – Arrange for Goodr to give presentation to Sustainability Advisory Committee, (2) Learn more about [Clemson University's Composting Program](#) – Existing capabilities and successes, new/expansion potential opportunities and future capacities or limitations.
- d. Urban and Park Land Management Report: Tony reported out - report attached
- e. New Business: None

Motion to adjourn: 8 pm

Motion made by Rob to adjourn, 2ND by Eunice. Vote: All votes in favor.

Meeting adjourned.