

Sustainability Advisory Committee August 12, 2026

City of Clemson Council Chambers

Present: Reeta Singh, Shelly Geer, Cindy Hekking, Rob Ellsworth, Eunice Lehmacher, (Tony Tidwell City of Clemson). Excused absences - Bob Fennell, Jon Heliger

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

Approval of 7/8/26 Minutes: Motion/2nd Eunice/Cindy – Approved

Public Comment:

1. Residents of Clemson Downs Retirement Community voiced their concerns with City-facilitated mosquito spraying activities.
 - Request that the sustainability committee recommend to City Council that it consider changes to existing mosquito spraying practices. Suggestion that property owners pay for their own mosquito spraying when if/when they desire it rather than have the City conduct spraying on private residential properties who may or may not want mosquito spraying.
 - Request that the sustainability committee inquire with City Council on how allowing/encouraging beekeeping by residents is or is not impacted by mosquito spraying. Is the mosquito spraying possibly harmful to bees and other pollinating insects such that encouraging beekeeping while conducting mosquito spraying is counterproductive.
2. City Communication personnel advised the sustainability committee on the types of communication that the committee may want to promote – provided overview of various communication channels and the types of communication content that are best suited for each channel; also provided key dates regarding copyediting and publication of future “Clemson Community Connection” issues - <https://www.clemsoncity.org/179/Community-Connection>

Action Items: Received a presentation by Cindy regarding the sustainability committee making a recommendation to City Council regarding the City of Clemson’s mosquito spraying program.

- Rob suggested adding “encourage dragonfly nesting/breeding”, in addition to “Mosquito Dunks” and “Yard Management Best Practices” for property owners as an alternative to chemical mosquito spraying/fogging.
- Motion made by Eunice / 2nd by Cindy: *“City of Clemson stop spraying for mosquitoes and replace mosquito control with more effective methods.”* Approved

Discussion:

- a) Sustainability Monthly Promotions: Rob to make updates to calendar based on feedback received from City of Clemson Communications Department
- a. UDO Consultant Update: Eunice provided update on selection of a consultant to facilitate the City of Clemson’s Unified Development Ordinance - <https://www.clemsoncity.org/bids.aspx?bidID=51>
- b. Urban Land Management Staff Report: Tony presented on highlights from work performed through the month of June.
- c. New Business: Discussed cancellation of October 14th meeting to facilitate City of Clemson Earth Forum - <https://www.clemsoncity.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=814&month=10&year=2025&day=30&calType=0>

Motion to adjourn: Motion/2nd Eunice/Cindy – 8:00 pm Meeting adjourned.