

City of Clemson Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes for the December 11, 2024 meeting

Call to order by Reeta Singh at 6:30 pm.

Present: Bob Fennell, Cindy Hekking, Nancy Spitler, Elaine Richardson Eunice Lehmacher

Absent: Andrew Evans (excused) and Mary Hendrix

City staff present: Tony Tidwell, Chris White

Cindy Hekking made a motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting and Elaine seconded. It was noted that Andrew Evans needed to be included as present and Reeta Singh's name corrected. Minutes to be amended to include Andrew Evans as present. Reeta Singh's name was corrected. Cindy amended the motion to approve the minutes with changes. Unanimously approved.

No public comments.

Chad Carson of the Green Crescent Trails was present as an invited guest speaker (attachment of map/implementation plan) to share the history of and plans for the Green Crescent Trail. The group is hoping that Clemson can be a model for alternative transportation. They are hoping for 25.5 miles of trails by 2030. The city currently supports the project at about \$200,000 per year. He requested our advocacy for the Berkeley Drive section and from Nettles to Ashley Dearing Park.

Discussion of forming subcommittees to tackle goals/objectives.

Three subcommittee were formed:

NWF Wildlife Certification Subcommittee.

Cindy Hekking offered to chair; Bob Fennell and Nancy Spitler volunteered to be a part.

Bob Fennell made a motion to form the committee, seconded by Nancy Spitler. Unanimous vote to approve.

Goal is to achieve certification for the city by Earth Day, 2024.

Energy Efficiency subcommittee

Bob Fennell moved to form an Energy Efficiency subcommittee. Reeta Singh seconded. All approved.

Eunice offered to chair.

Reeta Singh and Cindy Hekking to serve, along with Tony Tidwell..

Tree preservation and canopy protection subcommittee

Elaine Richardson volunteered as chair, and Andrew Evans was nominated to serve on the subcommittee.

Nancy Spitler made the motion to create the subcommittee; Eunice Lehmacher seconded. Unanimous approval

Article for Community Connection:

Suggestion was made to add email for Reeta Singh as contact.

Nancy Spitler will send article/pictures out to committee for approval before submitting.

Arbor Day: Tony Tidwell gave report on Arbor Day. Very successful this year, with a good group of kids who came out in support. 15 trees planted. Some along Green Crescent trail. Hort 3090 class came out and did tour of CAAM, Arts Center, CDC and presented sustainability suggestions.

Staff Report: Urban Land Management staff have met with energy efficient contractors, who will develop a cost-efficient plan for City facilities. This plan will be presented to the Sustainability Committee for its consideration.

NWF certification: Chris White gave report on NWF certification status.

Cindy Hekking made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Reeta Singh. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Next meeting will be held on January 8.

Submitted by Nancy Spitler on Dec. 13, 2024.