

MINUTES
CITY OF CLEMSON SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
April 9, 2025
6:30-8:00PM
CLEMSON CITY HALL

Present: Shelley Geer, Bob Fennel, Elaine Richardson, Reeta Singh, Eunice Lehmacher, Cindy Hekking, Nancy Spitler, John Heiliger, Andrew Evans. Tony Tidwell representing the City.

Speaker: Ethan Barnette, City of Clemson Storm Water Manager, gave an overview of the Storm Water division. There are 4.5 employees; City of Clemson is a Small MS4 (Municipal, Separate Stormwater).

The goal is to reduce amount of stormwater going into water source (Lake Hartwell for us) and to reduce pollutant loading. Most regulations stem from Clean Water Act (1972) and the Stormwater Management and Sediment Reduction Act (1991).

Action item:

Motion about city meetings being virtual is being tabled for another month.

Discussion items:

1. Working groups' reports & discussion:

A. NWF Wildlife Certification: Met and discussed moving forward without Chris' support. Talked about contacting churches in community; setting up table at monthly Patrick square farmer's market. Consider setting something up at Clemson Downs to assist residents in the sign-up process, and Woodland Walk in CD.

B. Energy Efficiency Working Group: Met March 20, 2025. Waiting for estimates of cost of LED bulbs for City Council building.

C. Tree Preservation: Elaine and Andrew met and looked at Greenville's program. Tree inventory is ongoing. Pamphlet. Bree is working on support for that. Figure out how residents can sign up for tree inventory.

2. Staff report: Tony Tidwell.

Clemson has been named a Tree City USA again.

3. Discussion of changing subcommittee to working groups. We will need to vote to disband subcommittees next month, then folks can get together to work on these things as needed and report to larger group.

4. Discussion of Recycling: There is a desire to invite head of public works to come and inform us about recycling efforts.

5. Green Crescent Walk/Event: currently scheduled at Kite Hill Brewery. Discussion of Green Crescent and ways we can support. Possibility of May Walk for commission members.

6. New business/open discussion: No new business.

Eunice made motion to adjourn; Nancy seconded.