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CITY OF  
**Clemson**  
URBAN & PARK  
LAND MANAGEMENT

**AGENDA**

**CITY OF CLEMSON SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

**August 13<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**6:30-8:00PM**

**CLEMSON CITY HALL (Council Chambers)**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes from the July 9th meeting.

**Public Comments (3-minute limit per speaker)**

**Cody Lingerfelt-Public Works**

**Action Items**

*none*

**Discussion Items**

1. Working group reports and discussion  
NWF Wildlife Certification - Energy Efficiency - Tree Preservation
2. Staff report, CU Sustainability - Tony Tidwell
3. Review Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed City Officials
4. Review Key points and logistics for GCT walk on September 6<sup>th</sup>
5. Review Sustainability Summit letter for final edit to mail to participants
6. Open Discussion/New Business

**Adjourn**

## **CITY OF CLEMSON SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

Minutes – July 9th, 2025

6:30-8:00 PM

CLEMSON CITY HALL (Council Chambers)

Call to Order by Eunice Lehmacher at 6:30

Present: Bob Fennell, Cindy Hekking, Jon Heilinger, Andrew Evans, Nanda Edgerton, Shelly Geer, Eunice Lehmacher, Tony Tidwell (representing the City)

Absent: Reeta Singh, Nancy Spitler

Chair Eunice Lehmacher called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

### Approval of minutes from the June 11th meeting

Motion to approve by Cindy, seconded by Robert.

Unanimous approval.

### Public Comments (3-minute limit per speaker)

- Rupert raised concern about kudzu encroaching into the Clemson Experimental Forest.
- Cindy Dieneman noted that the Master Naturalist Society conducts regular removal efforts.
- Eunice suggested creating a public-facing notice from the City next time such efforts occur to raise awareness.

### Action Items

1. Motion that an Energy Efficiency Rider be added to Clemson's budget

Eunice proposed a rider to increase the allowable budget for city-owned buildings to purchase more energy-efficient appliances by 25%.

Discussion was positive; no formal vote was recorded—pending review of supporting documents.

### Discussion Items

1. Working group reports and discussion

- NWF Wildlife Certification
  - 129 out of 200 homes have been certified.

- Continued outreach encouraged.
- Natural Resources (formerly Tree Preservation)
  - Update on erosion mitigation and stream restoration work at Clemson Downs. Group is open to more private property owners participating in the tree preservation effort.
  - Parcels will be printed and submitted to Council by Kelly (recipient TBD).

## 2. Staff Report, CU Sustainability – Tony Tidwell

- Tree roots buckling sidewalks near Hwy 123 is creating ADA access issues.
- Tree removal in affected areas was discussed as unfortunate but necessary.
- Tony provided updates on:
  - Public Parks & Army Corps leases
  - Nettles Park and the Dog Park
  - Site management considerations referencing Martin Hamilton
  - Fireworks impacts on nature; acknowledged by the N.R. group as a discussion point

## 3. Discuss detailed suggestions for GCT walk – Eunice

- The committee discussed planning for the Sustainability Fun Walk/Bike Ride on Saturday, September 6 at 5:00 PM (Rain date: Sept 7).
- Key points included:
  - Confirming availability at 55 Exchange
  - Parking permission from Clemson Presbyterian Church
  - Distributing fliers with a route map
  - Assigning location leads and a photographer
  - Social media and local press outreach
  - Adding features such as a bike shop tune-up station, kid-friendly invites, or a post-walk meetup

## Open Discussion / New Business

- Community Connection Ideas:
  - Natural mosquito prevention
  - Cardboard recycling awareness
  - Light pollution reduction
  - Peak energy saving tips (3–8 PM)
- New Member Nanda's Questions:
  - What is the trend in Clemson's tree canopy percentage? - Down
  - What are the best trees to plant locally? - Clemson Resources

- Her contact: nanda.edgerton@gmail.com
- Sustainability Summit
  - Tentative date set for October 8, 2025
  - Additional planning needed

## Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Andrew

Seconded by: Shelly

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.