



**TOWN OF HARRISBURG, NORTH CAROLINA
HARRISBURG TOWN HALL
SUSTAINABILITY BOARD MEETING**

**December 8, 2021
6:30 PM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. This meeting will be held in-person in Town Hall Council chambers and virtually via the Zoom platform at the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82909751722?pwd=RXk2bXpFRUVPUk1LSVVsYjlubkpadz09>
- B. AGENDA ADOPTION
- C. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
- D. PUBLIC COMMENT - Anyone wishing to address the Board may do so during the Public Comment section. Please state your name and address for the record, be courteous and do not repeat what has already been said. Please keep your comments about the subject and not personal in nature.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

3. COUNCIL UPDATES

- A. Updates, questions, requests, comments from Mayor Sciascia, Councilmember Staton-Williams, and Councilmember Patrick

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Tree giveaway:** Mark Allen to share updates and next steps. Decision needed - Confirm date: Is late April for Earth Day event ok? (TBD: Friday, April 22 or Saturday, April 23).
- B. **Electrification of fleet vehicles and other equipment:** Scott Crew, Mark Allen, and Scott Noel to provide updates. Next steps: Follow up with Brian Lee, Adam Abernathy, and fire department (chief).
- C. **"Green Leaf" Program (business and residential):** Scott Noel to share updates and next steps. Sub-committee (Noel, Crew, Huster) to tighten up approach/documents to review/discuss in Jan 2022 HSAB meeting. Continue outreach with some Town staff, businesses, and residents for feedback. Plan is to officially launch this April 2022 (pre-promote in Q1). (Launch school component in Fall 2022? Or is this possible by April 2022 also?)
- D. **Air quality monitors:** Discuss near-term options to create awareness and importance of air quality monitors (e.g. town website and social media). Keep school engagement on our radar. Air monitors will also be part of the Green Leaf program. Discuss next installation at Stallings Park - options for funding. (HSAB leader: Vince Houston)

- E. **Waste and recycling education:** Bins cannot be potentially replaced until 2024 (when current contract ends). Prioritize our focus on education around the existing bins (e.g. broader content; why it's important; CARTology and other platforms). Town website needs corrections and general improvements related to this topic. Need an HSAB member to be on point.
- F. **HSAB Adopt-A-Street - Rocky River Rd:** Scott Crew to provide recap of last cleanup and discuss next cleanup date(s).
- G. **Harrisburg water quality and quantity:** Scott Noel to share related update. Invite Rob Donham to attend an upcoming HSAB meeting to discuss this topics (and others). To do item: Work with Town staff and other experts to educate residents on water quality and quantity information. Best practices related to water quality can be added to the Green Leaf program. (Need an HSAB member on point for this.)
- H. **SalonCycle from TerraCycle:** Tabling for today, but keeping this on our radar. Discuss possible pilot of this in Harrisburg as part of the Green Leaf program (possible HSAB member on point?)
- I. **Federal Infrastructure bill:** Tabling for today, but keeping on our radar. What may be available to Harrisburg (near-term and over next 5 years)? Related to the Dept of Transportation (e.g. highways, rails, and EV charging infrastructure); and later regarding smart grid technology. Engage Town staff and work with them as possible/needed going forward. (HSAB leader: Scott Noel)
- J. **Adopt-A-Street and Adopt-A-Stream Programs:** Tabling this until January 2022. Revisiting this to identify an HSAB member to be on point to work with Town staff (Mallory Hodgson; others?) to help craft and launch this program in 2022; this will be a component of the Green Leaf program also. Leverage examples (structure, documents, online, items needed) from City of Concord and Charlotte-Meck. (HSAB leader: TBD)
- K. **Earth Day 2022 event planning:** Scott Noel to provide update. 3-hour event in collaboration with Town staff, Town Council, and all Town Boards and Committees. Next steps: By December, confirm date and location with P&R staff - options are Harrisburg Park on Friday, April 22 (Earth Day) or Saturday, April 23. Identify an sub-committee to begin working on this (HSAB members, Town staff, other Town boards/committees, residents, businesses).

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Recycling program at Hickory Ridge Elementary School:** Scott Crew to provide information and next steps. HSAB engagement is needed. Other opportunities with HRES will stem from this effort. (HSAB leader: Scott Crew)
- B. **NC Wildlife Federation resources:** Mark Allen to provide information. This group can help us on many levels with wildlife education and direct material support for trees/shrubs/pollinators at no charge. A representative based in Charlotte will present at our 1/12/22 HSAB meeting.

6. ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

- A. **Vote on recommendations for HSAB member open seats (5):** Need to discuss applicants and vote on a recommendation for 5 seats to be filled (4 will be 2-yr terms; 1 will be a 1-yr term). 6 total applicants: Faith Silva, Timothy Thornton, Shalini Byker, Keziah Hubler, Michelle Abbott, Glorisha Jones. See HSAB 12/8/21 Agenda Packet for applications and other information. HSAB will review and vote on recommendations in our 12/8/21 meeting to then send to the Town Council for final review/approval in their 1/10/22 meeting.
- B. **Creation of HSAB Subcommittees** (e.g. trees, water, waste, energy, electrification, air, land, wildlife): Mark Allen will be a sub-committee lead related to trees - largely focusing on the 2022 Arbor Day event(s). Table other sub-committee options for January 2022 HSAB meetings.

- C. **Special thanks to Mayor Sciascia and outgoing HSAB members:** Mark Allen, Tim Morris, Virginia Halter, Bill Leake, and Ronn Hogg, Sr

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Town of Harrisburg's Vision Statement

Harrisburg will be the best small town in North Carolina based on low density housing, excellent economic opportunities, a safe living environment, and efficient and effective municipal services. Amenities such as excellent recreational programs, adequate open space, attractive shopping opportunities, a diversity of restaurants, and a connected system of roadways, sidewalks, greenways, and bicycle lanes will continue to enhance the quality of life of the Town. These services and amenities will be provided while retaining reasonable tax rates and debt levels.
