



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

**February 9, 2022
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
 - 1. **Jacob Bolin, Plug In NC:** Talking about the status of EV adoption in NC and how that has changed over last few years; what the targets are for next 5-10 years; and some places for municipalities to take steps (including EV-readiness for new construction).
- 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

- A. Approve minutes from January 12, 2022 Harrisburg Sustainability Advisory Board meeting

3. COUNCIL UPDATES

- A. Updates, questions, requests, and comments from Councilmembers Dellinger and/or Patrick.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Earth Day in Harrisburg 2022:** At Harrisburg Park on Saturday, April 23 likely from 2-5pm. Next critical steps: Confirm logistics, including time range, with P&R (Jim/Shawn); plan and execute promotion with April Corley; and other deliverables in progress per HSAB 2/5 working session.
- B. **"Green Leaf" Program (business):** Follow up discussion to tighten up approach/documents to finalize in Feb/Mar. Continue outreach with some Town Council and staff, businesses, and residents for feedback. Plan is to officially launch this in April 2022.
- C. **Arbor Day tree giveaway:** Mark Allen to share updates and next steps. (Related to Arbor Day program and the Cannon Foundation pending grant; Town approved \$5,000 in 2021 for this initiative.)

- D. **Air quality monitors:** Discuss best options to fund and place monitors at 1) Stallings Park and 2) Veterans Park. Work with April Corley to create awareness and importance of air quality monitors (e.g. town website and social media). Keep school engagement on our radar. (HSAB leader: Vince Houston)
- E. **Waste and recycling education:** Prioritize our focus on education around the existing bins (remain in circulation into 2024); broader content; why it's important; CARTology and other platforms. Reference multiple recent Cabarrus County examples. Discuss related content on Town website and newsletter - work with April Corley on updates. (HSAB leader needed - Huster?)
- F. **Adopt-A-Street and Adopt-A-Stream Programs:** 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 also be a component of the Green Leaf program. Leverage examples (structure, documents, online, items needed) from City of Concord and Charlotte-Meck. (HSAB leader: TBD)
- G. **HSAB Adopt-A-Street - Rocky River Rd:** Scott Crew to discuss next cleanup date(s). (HSAB leader: Scott Crew or new member?)
- H. **Recycling program at Hickory Ridge Elementary School:** Scott Crew to provide an update with HRES January 2022 data and next steps - including possibly featuring HRES' efforts on Town social media. (HSAB leader: Scott Crew)

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Recent & Relevant Sustainability News:** Members to share a few stories for everyone's awareness and to consider if/how our HSAB should engage Town staff and other Boards, Town Council, residents, and others related to these.
- B. **Town of Harrisburg FY2023 budget process:** Need to engage Town staff departments heads further ASAP. In progress currently; to be completed & presented at May 9th Town Council meeting. Need to request Public Works(?) plan for items related to Adopt-A-Street & Adopt-A-Stream programs. Town promotional items (sustainably-sourced)? Small HSAB operating budget related to events and Green Leaf program? Sustainability plan consultant? (Need an HSAB leader on point)

6. ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

- A. **Town staff liaisons for HSAB:** April Corley and Sushil Nepal
- B. **March Special Presentation(s):** Discuss and confirm. Options: Multicultural Knights? Town staff member(s)? Others?
- C. **Sustainability Show & Tell:** Brief round robin for HSAB members to share relevant products, services, technology, causes, etc. that they use/support.

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.
