



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

November 9, 2022

6:30 PM

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:32pm

- A. This meeting will be held in person in Town Hall Council Chambers and virtually via the Zoom platform

Attendance: *Members in person* - Scott Noel, Ken Huster, Michelle Abbott, Vince Houston, Kez Hubler; *Members on Zoom* - Scott Crew, Glorisha Jones; *Town Council and staff* - Rodney Dellinger, Lee Connor

- B. AGENDA ADOPTION at 6:32pm

- C. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – Mallory Hodgson (Public Works Director)

NCDEQ Grant, Town of Harrisburg awarded \$400,000, for wastewater (not storm water) Transportation Grant \$12.3 million, Town of Harrisburg is funding \$3 million. Improve safety and aesthetics on 49, as well as Caldwell road extensions. Discussed sustainability assets of burying power utilities and having trees in medians.

Grant submission upcoming for Hickory Ridge sidewalk/greenway project, \$4 million.

Carbon Reduction Grant \$480,000, currently only in the preliminary phase of looking into it, would need \$100,000 minimum project cost. Scott proposed ideas such as a fast EV charging station, bike lanes, and sustainability consultant for the Town. Mallory will collaborate with HSAB if they issue the project call for the Carbon Reduction Grant.

Mallory discussed various other sustainability initiatives currently within Public Works (economic, people, environment, utilities conservation, no idle policy, greenway development etc.). Scott asked if Kelly Hendrix, from the Regional Stormwater Partnership could attend our December meeting.

ADA pavement improvement is an excellent example of sustainable savings (lower cost, concrete use reduction, minimal landfill waste generated). Scott suggested using the EPA stats from this project to publish on social media/website.

Greenways: ~3.5-miles under construction and ~3-miles in planning. Public Works to create a map illustrating this and will provide it to the HSAB and residents.

Mallory shared volunteer opportunities with Public Works – Wayne Krimminger has street and stream cleanup supplies. Waders to be included in their upcoming budget request. Discussed with Lee and Mallory that our supplies request could just be included in Public Works requests. Current supply help for 25-30 people for street clean up. Pet waste stations are being offered free of charge to neighborhoods, providing HOA maintains and empties them. Currently using compostable bags. Only one neighborhood

has taken up this offer so far. It is a mandatory requirement in new neighborhoods.
Free mulch available to Harrisburg residents from the Town (Greenway Waste, 2015 Speedrail Court, M-F 7am-5pm, S 7am-12pm).
HSAB could volunteer and help with Enviroscope presentations in schools

- 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. – None at this time.

2. CONSENT AGENDA – 7:22pm

- A. Approve minutes from HSAB 10/12/22 meeting – Approved at 7:22pm (Kez motion, Ken second)

3. COUNCIL UPDATES – 7:23pm

- A. Updates from Town Council and Town staff in attendance

Lee updates:

- EV charging station down again – working on a fix
- Website roll out mid-to-late spring. Currently formatting, and when pages are starting to be developed, April will reach out to HSAB for input on our page and content
- Request for Faith or Ken to get Arbor Day stats to April for publishing on social media
- April to contact Kez regarding re-design of current recycling bin stickers. There are 36 bins, and current supply of only 10 of the old stickers. Suggestion of complete re-design vs. re-wording. Suggestion of keeping it very simple and eye catching, and including QR code to the cartology app
- Zac Gordon (new Planning Director) will be working with HSAB on UDO review, possibly coming to an upcoming meeting. Ken suggested offline meeting before that. Lee will ask Zac to reach out to executive board to arrange. January meeting may be a good time for Zac to attend.

Rodney updates:

- None

4. OLD BUSINESS – 7:33pm

- A. Waste-Sewer update from Michelle
(will be meeting with Lee to discuss further)
- B. Toppers & Signage for Recycling Bins
signage as discussed above
Ken presented topper prototype. Kez and Ken to collaborate on painting/lettering.
- C. HSAB Areas of Expertise/Interest
document sent to Lee, who will review and distribute
will also be helpful to HSAB as it includes department info

5. NEW BUSINESS – 7:37pm

A. Budget Request FY2024

Current request ~ \$7500

Deliver to Lee by 11/17 so he can take to 11/18 budget meeting

Ken to look into Cannon Grant timeframe to get Arbor Day match

Remove street clean-up budget item, as discussed above, to be included in Public Works request

Earth Day request to be minimized, and just to include security, misc. supplies, possibly A/V (but free options available such as a portable speaker)

Permanent & Promotional Toolkit mentioned.

Rodney mentioned getting clarification on each request item to help Town Council with review.

Public Works has link to order permanent signage, and Parks & Rec may need some input.

Not voting on budget tonight given amendments that need to be made.

Scott to fix and amend budget to state “FY 2024” not 2023.

6. ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES – 7:50pm

A. Open Positions

5 positions on HSAB are reaching their term end

Applications are open 11/1/22 to 11/30/22 (30 day requirement)

Interviews to be conducted in early December. Will need to bring nominations to Town Council January meeting.

Currently being asked to reduce from 9 members to 7, in order to align with other Town Boards. Bylaws will need to be amended.

Discussed that keeping at 9 members may allow for more areas of expertise.

Will need to vote for the 2023 Executive Board in January 2023.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7:56pm

Ken motion, Vince second.