



**Town of Davidson
Sustainability Board Regular Meeting
Community Room 120
251 South Street
Monday, April 21, 2025 at 6:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

III. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Meeting Minutes

Summary: Review meeting minutes from previous meeting for approval.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Mecklenburg County Presentation

Summary: Erin Stanforth, Sustainability and Resiliency Manager for Mecklenburg County, presents on sustainability efforts at the County level.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Town Staff Reports

Summary: Town staff liaison shares Town updates.

b. Subcommittee Reports

Summary: Sustainability Board Subcommittees report to Sustainability Board.

VII. ADJOURN

MEETING MINUTES
Sustainability Board
Town of Davidson, NC
March 17, 2025

A meeting of the Davidson Sustainability Board was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Davidson Town Hall & Community Center at 251 South Street.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

II. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

- a. **Present Board Members:** Kasia Worsham, Matt Walt, Beth Wytiaz, Jenna Vujic, Teresa Isakson, Andre Philips (Davidson College liaison), Sandy LaCorte, Cathay Denham, Tim Belitz, Veronica Westendorff, Anita Rajan, Juliette Sponsel
- b. **Absent Board Members:** NA
- c. **Tardy Board Members:** NA
- d. **Town Representatives:** Kayla Kovach (Sustainability Manager), Andrew Sileo (Aborist)

III. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

- a. **Requested changes to the agenda:**
Kayla Kovach requested a change to the agenda to bring New Business before Old Business and have Trey Akers speak first.
- b. **Motion to adopt the agenda:** Veronica Westendorff
- c. **Second:** Tim Belitz
- d. **Vote:** unanimous (motion passed)

IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Review/Approval of the February 17, 2025 minutes:
 - i. Motion to recommend approval of the minutes:
 - 1. Motion: Juliette Sponsel
 - 2. Second: Tim Belitz

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Planning Department Presentation**

- i. Principal Planner Trey Akers presented on his work for the Town, planning processes, and answered questions related to sustainability and planning overlap.

b. Climate Action Plan 2024 Annual Report

- i. Sustainability Manager, Kayla Kovach provided a summary of the Climate Action Plan 2024 Annual Report.
- ii. Discussion:
 - 1. Beth Wytiaz asked for elaboration on what it will take to get data for reporting in the next annual report. Sustainability Manager Kayla Kovach responded with a more detailed explanation of the data process and that time for collection and review is needed.
 - 2. Cathay Denham asked how goals are established for year over year progress within the Climate Action Plan. Sustainability Manager Kayla Kovach responded stating that the subcommittees can provide feedback for setting goals for future years and will also assist with implementation strategy development in the future.
- iii. Motion to approve: Sandy LaCorte
- iv. Second: Cathy Denham
- v. Vote: unanimous (motion passed)

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Staff Updates:

- i. The Arbor Day Tree Planting event is this Saturday at Fisher Farm starting at 9 AM. Go to Davidson Lands Conservancy website to register.
- ii. The Sustainability Quarterly Report went out on March 11.
- iii. Town Hall EV Charging Station is installed and operation. The charging station is open for public use and more information can be found on the Red E charging app.
- iv. Davidson College Climate Change Theatre Action took place Thursday, February 27 through Sunday, March 2.

- v. The Town of Davidson has been nominated for a 2025 Sustain Charlotte Award.
- vi. Sustainability Manager Kayla Kovach virtually attended the first engagement meeting for Duke Energy's 2025 Carolinas Resource Plan.
- vii. A controlled burn will be taking place at Fisher Farm March 19 or 20.

b. Subcommittee Updates:

i. Energy & Climate Resilience

1. Discussed our speaker lineup for the year
2. Earth Day Festival coming April 26, 2025.
3. Sustainable Building Policy – review of other municipal policies and discussions taking place now.

ii. Trees, Natural Assets, and Resource Conservation

1. Continuing to look at HOA bylaws and how to communicate effectively with HOAs about sustainable practices.
2. Continued discussions regarding sustainable development practices.
3. Potential for new resident welcoming package to share resources such as tree permit information with someone new to Davidson.
4. Discussed potential process for common areas tree replacements.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion: Veronica Westendorff
- b. Second: Sandy LaCorte
- c. Vote: unanimous (motion passed)