



**Town of Davidson  
Sustainability Board Regular Meeting  
Community Room 120  
251 South Street  
Monday, August 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM**

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**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. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Staff Updates**

**Summary:** Town staff liaison shares Town updates.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Presentation by Beth Wytiaz, Executive Director for Davidson Lands Conservancy**

**Summary:** Beth Wytiaz, Executive Director for Davidson Lands Conservancy (DLC) will share the goals and on-going efforts of DLC.

**VII. ADJOURN**

**MEETING MINUTES**  
Sustainability Board  
Town of Davidson, NC  
July 21, 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, Jenna Vujic, Teresa Isakson, Sandy LaCorte, Veronica Westendorff, Beth Wytiaz, Tim Belitz, Cathy Denham, Anita Rajan
- b. Absent Board Members:** Andre Philips (Davidson College liaison), Juliette Sponsel
- c. Tardy Board Members:** NA
- d. Town Representatives:** Kayla Kovach, Andrew Sileo

**III. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

- a. Requested changes to the agenda:** None

**IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Review/Approval of the June 16, 2025 minutes:**
  - i. Motion to recommend approval of the minutes:**
    - 1. Motion: Anita Rajan
    - 2. Second: Teresa Isakson
    - 3. Vote: unanimous (motion passed)

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Staff Updates:**
  - i. The Solarize Charlotte-Mecklenburg program is underway.** This is a program for homeowners, non-profits, and businesses to save on the cost of solar energy and battery storage through a community-based solar energy group purchasing program. If you are interested in more information about this program visit the Solarize Charlotte Mecklenburg website or the Town sustainability webpage.

- ii. The Davidson Plastic Free challenge is taking place again this July! You can sign up now on the Town of Davidson Sustainability webpage. This challenge is about doing what you can to reduce plastic in your daily life – not about being perfectly plastic free.
- iii. Winston Salem, Greensboro, and Davidson are partnering with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality and Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance to host a session on Elective Pay (also known as Direct Pay) taking place at the Public Meeting Room at the Bryce A Stuart Building (100 E 1<sup>st</sup> St Winston Salem 27101) on Wednesday July 30, 2025 from 10 am – 12 pm.
- iv. Party with Parks and Rec Day will take place on July 26 from 11 am to 2 pm at Beaty Park. This fun event will be in celebration of National Parks and Recreation Month. You'll get to interact with the Town's Parks and Recreation Department staff, listen to live music, play games, and more!
- v. NASA Develop heat mapping project in progress.
- vi. Town Staff toured the Central Piedmont Community College Parr Center green roofs to gain insight and understanding of how these systems work. The Parr Center has two green roofs, and the campus also has a living wall on the side of a parking garage that staff had the chance to see as well. Town Staff learned about installation techniques, maintenance requirements, and more.
- vii. The Town has been accepted into the Charging Smart Program and will be participating in the Electrification Coalition's proposed cohort. With free technical assistance, the Charging Smart program assists local government in setting and achieving impactful electric vehicle (EV) readiness goals. The cohort will last through February 2026 and this program will help us work towards CAP goals related to electrification.
- viii. The EnergizeNC Coalition will be hosting a monthly virtual working group for stakeholders interested in community solar in North Carolina. The working group meets on the third Wednesday each month. Interested parties are encouraged to register with the link below. Also, be sure to sign up for updates on the program overall at [EnergizeNC.com](https://www.energizeNC.com).

- ix. Davidson Parks and Recreation Department was selected for the National Recreation and Park Association Sustainability in Practice Program. As part of this opportunity, Davidson Lands Conservancy will receive a \$10,000 stipend to support their continued work and participation.
- x. Sign up for the Sustainability Quarterly Update to receive updates on Climate Action Plan progress and other Town sustainability initiatives.

**b. Subcommittee Updates:**

**i. Energy and Climate Resilience**

- 1. Working on current goals and will soon be discussing future priorities for FY 27,28. Sustainable Buildings Policy currently in internal review.

**ii. Trees, Natural Assets, and Resource Conservation**

- 1. Focusing on working with HOAs and understanding the opportunities to work with them to incorporate more native plantings – need to check if there are any conflicts with municipal code. Andrew Sileo working on updating shrub list and street tree responsibilities. Working to create memo/document for planning department to give developments of native plants and guidelines.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Presentation by Davidson College Sustainability Scholar, Emily Schmitz**

- i. Emily presented on her time as a summer inter with the Town of Davidson, working closely with the Town’s Sustainability Manager. During her time with the Town she focused on compiling and organizing Climate Action Plan data, developing material for a new camp being conducted by Town Staff, and more.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT: 7:17 PM**

- a. Motion: Tim Belitz
- b. Second: Teresa Isakson
- c. Vote: unanimous (motion passed)