



LEESBURG ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Tuesday
June 4, 2024
6:30 P.M.

Town Hall
Lower Level Conference Room 2
25 West Market Street

COMMISSIONERS

Julie Bolthouse (24)
Leigh Anne Faugust (24)
Cherie Jones (26)
Laura Karworski (26)
Ami Mason (24)
Katherine Murphy (24)
Paul Sheaffer (26)

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Mission: To promote and protect the environmental interests of the Town.

MEETING AGENDA

June 4, 2024

6:30 P.M. Lower Level Conference Room 2, Town Hall

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting Recording Disclosure
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. May 7, 2024*
4. Chairperson's Statement
 - a. Welcome New Commissioners
5. Petitioners
6. Staff Items
7. Old Business
 - a. Community Orchard
 - b. Strategic Plan Tracker
8. New Business
9. Next Meeting Date
 - a. August 6th, 2024
10. Adjournment

(*) Material attached

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Town of Leesburg Environmental Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 7th, 2024

The Town of Leesburg's Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) met on May 7th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall at 25 West Market St., Leesburg, Virginia.

Call to Order: Chair Sheaffer called the meeting to order at 6:30.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Paul Sheaffer, Julie Bolthouse, Katherine Murphy

Absent: Leigh Anne Faugust

Petitioners: None

Observers: None

Staff Representatives: Deb Moran

Chair stated: "It is the practice of the Town of Leesburg to record meetings of the Town's standing boards and commissions. All Town Council, Board, and Commission meetings are recorded and can be found on the Town's Web Site at www.LeesburgVA.gov."

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved 3-0-2 (motion by Murphy, second by Sheaffer).

Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes of March 5th (motion by Murphy, second by Sheaffer) were approved 3-0-2 and meeting minutes of April 2nd (motion by Sheaffer, second by Murphy) were approved 3-0-2.

Chairperson's Statement: Now that the Flower and Garden Festival is over, we need to figure out the rest of the year!

Petitioners' Time: None

Staff Items:

- a. Purple Air Monitor – Not working currently but Moran has put in a request for help with them and will let EAC know when it is working again.

Old Business:

- a. Keep Leesburg Beautiful debrief – decent turn out; looked at website – want to make it clearer what it is and how to register; discussed that we are not an official affiliate of

national or state efforts due to reporting requirements and cost; want to consider incentivizing through things like scouting badges; want to make it clearer how to report where you left the trash after the pick up

- b. Flower and Garden Festival debrief – prize wheel worked well: had to answer two questions (where are you from and ideas make Leesburg more environmentally friendly); went over results of second question; very busy and was extremely difficult with only three people (Bolthouse was sick and unable to join); give-aways were liked but consider limiting pricier items to Leesburg residents next time.
- c. Compost site estimate for the Town was \$10,000 or \$1,200 in house. May want to look for volunteers in the community to construct it.

New Business:

- a. Sheaffer gave annual report to Annual Board and Commission Banquet (reported that Mayor asked for research on noise coming from data centers)
- b. Discussion about Community Orchard idea in comp plan and possibly set up conversation with Ida Lee in the future.
- c. 2024 budget requests - \$1,000 left over; Bolthouse made motion to put remaining funds to towards purchase of materials for the compost site, seconded Sheaffer, motion passed 3-0-2.
- d. Bolthouse asked about sending proclamation to Eileen Kragie from International Dark Sky Association who requested Leesburg proclamation. Sheaffer will give to Moran and she will send it to her.
- e. Murphy asked about control over the webpage and how we can do a better job; Moran said that sustainability sound bites are coming back; Bolthouse asked if we could tag other organization to try to get more attention.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm approved 3-0-2 (motion by Bolthouse, second by Murphy).