

# Hyattsville Environment Committee (HEC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**HEC members:** Thaddeus Waterman (chair), Dawn Taft (staff), Ben Simasek (Council), Jared Messinger (meeting minutes), James Ball, Joseph DeMarco, Melissa Schweisguth, Rayya Newman, James Wigley

**Guests:**

**Note:**

## 1. Welcome, Committee Roll Call, & Guest Orientation.

## 2. Approval of [April meeting minutes](#)

- Joseph Demarco motioned to accept the minutes; Thaddeus seconded the motion. Approved by committee.

## 3. In-person meeting discussion

- Thaddeus will send a Doodle poll to schedule 1 or 2 in-person meeting options until hybrid becomes an option (no WiFi in the City Building yet)

## 4. Delay of Draft Hyattsville Sustainability Plan

- Delayed until August/September. HEC will revisit in as an agenda item then
- What are the goals of the sustainability plan? When should HEC provide input?
  - i. Melissa suggests to wait until there's a draft plan for HEC to provide comment. James, Thaddeus suggests we get ahead of the process and provide input earlier.
  - ii. HEC should try to shape the environment goals of the Sustainability Plan
    - 1. Dawn will follow up with Holly for more information on how HEC can participate in the process

## 5. Invasive Ivy Update

- Almost 3000 trees logged in database
- Information/notices going out shortly to residents. Goats will be on site May 10, 2023
- Developing itinerary now and will scheduling trainings
- Residents can report trees with invasive vines by contacting Dawn Taft
- Turnout has been low from residents; hoping to increase this year. Sign-ups for trainings will be available.
- Goal to provide educating to neighboring municipalities

- Call to action - Committee members can sign up to participate in removals. Or join Hyattsville Aging in Place to support removals

**6. HEC Strategic goals for 2023**

- HEC committee members should enter “top of mind” priorities into the strategic goals document
- HEC will review during June 2023 meeting to refine and select priorities as a group
- Use 2018 HEC Gap Analysis as an example

**7. Announcements**

**8. Adjournment.**

- **Approved.**