
**Gwinnett County Sustainability Commission
Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – 4:30pm**

Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center
75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30046
Conference Room B (Second Floor)

Present: Laura Hernandez, Krupesh Patel, Dr. Marshall Shepherd

Absent: Daniel Hilton

1. Call to Order

Laura Hernandez, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 4:30pm.

- GCSC's District 4 position is still open. Any District 4 residents interested in serving should apply on Gwinnett County's website.

2. Approval of Agenda

{Action: Approved: Patel; Second: Shepherd; Vote: 3-0; Hernandez-Yes; Patel-Yes; Shepherd-Yes; Absent: Hilton}

3. Approval of Minutes

The August 17, 2022, meeting minutes were approved.

{Action: Approved: Shepherd; Second: Patel; Vote: 3-0; Hernandez-Yes; Patel-Yes; Shepherd-Yes; Absent: Hilton}

4. Discussion on Sustainability Commission's Annual Report

The GCSC members reviewed each section of the annual report and focused on the top four categories residents are interested in: recycle & waste reduction, overdevelopment and loss of trees and greenspace, green transportation, and public outreach. Under each category, there are recommendations by the GCSC for the county to achieve. The Annual Report will be sent to the Board of Commissioners, County Administrator, and Deputy County Administrator. Dr. Shepherd and other members wanted to thank Laura Hernandez for pioneering the GCSC Annual Report, which is the first of its kind.

The commission agreed to accept the annual report draft pending minor edits and executive summary. {Action: Approved: Shepherd; Second: Patel; Vote: 3-0; Hernandez-Yes; Patel-Yes; Shepherd-Yes; Absent: Hilton}

5. Public Comments

- Scott Presson thanked the GCSC for developing the annual report and look forward to the County's Sustainability Plan and the leadership to take this to the next level.

- Ryan Arnold asked when this annual report would be made public. He also shared the idea of including students to participate in the county's sustainability. That currently recycling is done at his school on a student/volunteer basis. He also suggested to add sub-committees to GCSC to give other residents the opportunity to participate in advancing sustainability initiatives.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02pm.

{Action: Approved: Patel; Second: Shepherd; Vote: 3-0; Hernandez-Yes; Patel-Yes; Shepherd-Yes; Absent: Hilton}