



Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 5/6/2026

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held at the Government Office Building at 125 N. Division Street, Room 306.

Members in attendance: Charly Sager, Noah Bressman, Christina Williams, Karen Cooper, Izabell Wilk, Sarah Yamakawa

Members of the public in attendance: Brede Gibson, Stephen Feliciano, Alicia Miller

Staff in attendance: Travis Huff

City Council in attendance: Melissa Holland

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Christina. Attendees introduced themselves, and engaged in a brief ice breaker.

Approval of Minutes

- April minutes approved (Motion: Sarah; Second: Noah; Approved)

City Updates

- Bike to Work day is scheduled for May 15th at Salisbury University.
- Waterside Park pavilion and restroom construction progressing.
- Environmental Site Assessments underway for North Prong Park properties.
- City planted 30 trees (20 at Mallard Landing, 10 at Parsons Cemetery).

Pollinator Habitat Program

- The Green SBY social media account was transferred from an official city page to a community page. Shore Blooms and other sustainability related content is now being regularly posted to this account.
- Upcoming pollinator garden installations:
 - Monitor Court – May 11
 - 714 Grace Street (Habitat House) – May 11
 - Salisbury Zoo – May 11
 - Mercy Lane (Stephan's residence) – May 12
- Volunteer support provided by community partners including Fenix Youth Project and Lower Shore Land Trust.
- Educational materials completed in Spanish and Haitian Creole.
- Pollinator garden signs expected for the June 6 Lower Shore Land Trust Garden Tour.

Community Gardens Update

Boundless Garden

- All raised beds planted and irrigation repaired.
- New beds and donated soil improved the site.
- Additional herbs will be added.

Camden Garden

- Planting underway with weekly volunteer workdays on Saturdays.
- Vegetables and pollinator plants installed.
- Volunteer recruitment continues.

Edible Garden (by the Friendship Bridge)

- Vegetable planting completed with Salisbury University volunteers.
- Additional supports, containers, and aesthetic improvements planned.
- Irrigation connection issue identified for follow-up.

Community and Public Updates

Global Links Cable Landing/Data Center Proposal (Worcester County) presented by Alicia Miller.

Discussion focused on potential regional impacts including:

- Increased groundwater withdrawals from the shared aquifer.
- Increased electricity demand and potential utility cost increases.
- Heat island effects.
- Noise and light pollution.
- Potential impacts on wildlife, migratory birds, and coastal ecosystems.

Upcoming public meeting:

- **May 14**
- Stephen Decatur High School

Members were encouraged to review available information and participate in public comment opportunities

Adjournment

At 6:17pm Noah motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sarah seconded the motion and the meeting ended.