



City of Harrisonburg Environmental Performance Standards Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2026 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Public Works

Members in attendance: Laura Dent, City Council Representative; Andy Kohen, School Board Representative; Bill Howe; Dave Powell; Doug Hendren; Ferwerdin Barzanji; Kathy Holm, Rebecca Schrupp; Rob Alexander, Yonathan Admassu

Staff in attendance: Keith Thomas, Shayna Carter, Maya Waid

Others in attendance: Brian O'Dell, General Manager of HEC; Zach Nyce, Manager of Engineering HEC

Call to Order

Rob Alexander called the meeting to order and welcomed the new Committee members.

Approval of Virtual Participation

Rob Alexander advised there were no members participating virtually.

Review and Adopt Meeting Summary

Andy Kohen moved to approve the October 29, 2025 EPSAC Meeting Summary. Dave Powell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

The Committee reviewed comments submitted by Carl Larsson regarding environmental standards for private development.

Focus Area Updates

Keith Thomas shared that the Turner Pavillion Solar Project had been completed and showed a video produced by Public Works with Councilwoman Dent discussing the benefits of the project. Bill Howe asked if staff would be able to share the solar production data publicly. Keith Thomas stated that staff would look into the ability to share information on our website. He also noted that staff would need to ensure the material/platform shared on our website was ADA compliant.

Community Goals Updates

Councilwoman Dent introduced Krystal Noiseux with MIT. Krystal then shared a presentation about the EN-ROADS software developed by Climate Interactive and MIT. After the presentation, Krystal provided a demonstration of the software.

Updates from Sustainability & Environmental Manager

Rob Alexander called the Committee's attention to the Update on Current City of Harrisonburg Environmental Initiatives document. He described the purpose of the document to the new Committee members. He then noted in the interest of time that if anyone had questions to email Keith Thomas.

Harrisonburg Community Town Hall Updates

Rob Alexander described the proposed community event the Committee was working on. He then asked if any Committee members would like to join a workgroup to meet between the quarterly meetings to plan the event. Bill Howe, Rebecca Schrupp, Andy Kohen, and Kathy Holm all requested to be a part of the workgroup.

Next Meeting Dates

2026 Dates

- July 29, 2026
- October 28, 2026