



Town of Laurel Park
Bee Committee Meeting Agenda
October 21, 2025, at 4:30 PM
Town Hall - 441 White Pine Drive, Laurel Park, NC 28739

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Approval of this Agenda.**
- 3. Approval of the September 2025 minutes.**
- 4. Old Business**
 - a.** Members discussed the need for kudzu and wisteria vines to be removed from Canal Park. The removal of unwanted vegetation in all areas of Laurel Park with the use of harsh pesticides continues to be a concern especially since herbicide use has proven to be detrimental to bees, butterflies and beneficial insects.
 - b.** Canal Park landscape designs were submitted to the Parks and Greenways Board and shared with the Bee Committee members. Landscape design firms include the following: Gribbley Permaculture (Luke Costlow), Byington Landscape Architects (Mark Byington), and independents Anne Valentine and Knox Crowell. Possible suppliers of seed mixes, and plants were also shared.
 - c.** A motion was approved by all Bee Committee members to submit a request to the Parks and Greenways board to address Canal Park's infrastructure. The committee emphasized that in order to promote water resiliency in the park the Board needs to prioritize the grading of the land contours first before proceeding with a landscape plan.
 - d.** Plans were discussed to incorporate an area in Canal Park that would not only support pollinators but also the community by including a space for edibles (eg. herbs). The addition of a "community garden" would benefit all residents of Laurel Park, especially children, by displaying a sustainable way to support our ecosystems.

5. New Business

- a.** Status of the Parks and Greenway's decision on the Committee's motion to address infrastructure at Canal Park.
- b.** Update on an additional source of services and materials to restore land contours in Canal Park in addition to or in lieu of the Parks and Greenway's decision.
- c.** Update on Ecusta Trail's rules about signage and biocide use to aid in the bee committee's decision to showcase wildflowers along Laurel Park's segment of the trail. The bee committee would like to use NCDOT's Wildflower program as a template to establish wildflower meadows along the trail sides to support pollinators and to beautify the area for residents and visitors.
- d.** Discuss the need for Laurel Park to adopt a comprehensive Integrated Pest Management Plan since it would ensure the success of all the projects and goals of the Bee Committee.
- e.** Selection of possible dates to elect a permanent secretary and vice chair.

6. Adjournment