



Alpharetta Natural Resources
Commission Work Session
FEBUARY 18, 2025

OFFICIAL MINUTES

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
2 PARK PLAZA

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Natural Resource Commission Meeting began at 6:01pm in the First Floor Community Room on February 18, 2025.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Present were:
 - i. Commissioners: Herb Velazquez, Mike Buchannan, Beth Ott, Kate Tunison, Lindsey Ann Burnett, Ben Manley
 - ii. Staff: Terry Porter, David Shostak
- b. Davis Mitchell has resigned from his position. His post is currently open.

3. WORK SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. At the adjournment of this Work Session, the Natural Resources Commission will convene and conduct its monthly public meeting in City Council Chambers.

4. WORK SESSION ITEMS

- a. Strategic Planning
 - i. Implementation and interdepartmental coordination
 - 1. A discussion was held focusing again on the restructuring of the NRC. The NRC will focus on events supporting the needs of the three main fundamental organizations.
 - 2. The three main organizations are:
 - a) Keep Alpharetta Beautiful
 - b) Tree City USA
 - c) Alpharetta Wild Side
 - d) (National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat Affiliation)

3. Moving forward things we would like to see from the NRC include but are not limited to.
 - a) More presence at day of events- example provided recycling events and jobs needed in each role.
 - b) Advance planning needs for each event
 - c) Volunteer engagement events
 - d) Education events- table events
 - e) Financial cost of each event
 - f) Helping David Shostak with the tree ordinance. Potential award for civilians following the tree ordinance.
4. Other topics discussed in the conversation include the timeline of requirements for each organization. If the NRC would like to include event dates in the city's leisure guide, the finalized dates are needed months in advance. Ideas concerning the NRC's budget discussed, including a more detailed look in the 3rd quarter.

b. Great American Cleanup Event Discussed

- i. Event ideas are needed for dates March 1- May
- ii. Liter index needs to be completed before June 30, 2025. Nine sections need to be rated and evaluated by numerous people. Training to be at next NRC meeting on
- iii. March 18th 2025, provided by Terry Porter.
- iv. Rock Mill Park date needed. May 3rd is decided on by NRC, due to multiple events in March and April.

c. Staff Reports

- i. Environmental Programs by Terry Porter
 1. The agricultural program proposed a digital stamp that states "Natural Resource Commission" and Great American Cleanup logo to be included on their programming media for applicable offerings. This will allow us to have a presence seen on events that fulfill both of our needs.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- i. Work Session completed at 8:00pm.