



Alpharetta Natural Resources
Commission Work Session
APRIL 15, 2025

OFFICIAL MINUTES

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
2 PARK PLAZA

1. CALL TO ORDER

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- a. Work Session for the NRC began at 6:31pm in the first-floor community room on April 15th, 2025.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Present were:
 - a. Commissioners: Ben Manley, Herb Velazquez, Beth Ott, Vjay Desai, Kate Tunison, Lindsey Ann Burnett, Mike Buchanan
 - b. Staff: David Shostak and Terry Porter

3. WORK SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

4. WORK SESSION ITEMS

- a. Staff Reports
 - a. Arborist Report by David Shostak
 - 1. Sign for the Arbor Day tree at Innovation Academy is estimated to be less than \$500.00.
 - b. Environmental Programs by Terry Porter
 - 1. April 17, 2025. Keep America Beautiful and ADP Planting Project. Keep America Beautiful granted \$10,000 to Keep Alpharetta Beautiful to honor ADP as a national sponsor. The project will involve a planting of over 750 ground cover plants, 7 Oakleaf Hydrangea, 2 Swamp White Oak , and 3 Cherokee Princess Dogwood trees. Mike and Beth will be present at the event. Welcome will start at 9am.

5. Litter Index Update

- a. Litter Index due on June 15, 2025.

6. Earth Day booth at the Farmers Market April 26, 2025.

- a. Signs approved by the Farmers Market personnel to be used. Suggested games included sorting recycling game and picker up activity. Bee information provided

by Mike as well as other Program related materials. QR Code will be present for people interested in National Wildlife Habitat certification.

7. Community Cleanup May 3, 2025.
 - a. Date Change suggested due to scheduling of other events/community projects on same date. Great American Clean Up ends in June. Alpharetta High School would like to be involved. Suggestion made by Ben Manley to use litter index information and have the AHS students clean the area in the fall, due to the summer being difficult for high school students to attend.
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Keep America Beautiful
 - b. Alpharetta's Wild Side
 - c. Tree City USA
 - a. Mike Buchanan brought up the need to go further with public comment and concern regarding the city's tree code. The city of Alpharetta's tree code currently incentivizes keeping tree canopy, however there is a need to revisit the ordinance requirements. The preservation of the tree code could be strengthened on both private and public property. The largest threat to trees is development. Experts from other communities can be consulted for ideas.
9. The NRC Work Session meeting ended at 7:15pm.