



Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission Meeting

AUGUST 19, 2025

OFFICIAL MINUTES

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL

2 PARK PLAZA

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The Natural Resources Commission Meeting began at in the First Floor Community Room on August 19, 2025 at 7:29pm.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Present were:
 - i. Commissioners: Herb Velazquez, Mike Buchanan, Kate Tunison, Lindsey Ann Burnett, and Vijay Desai
 - ii. Staff: Terry Porter and David Shostak

3. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. There are no meeting announcements at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. A motion was made by Mike Buchanan for the Approval of the Natural Resources Commission meeting and work session minutes from July 15, 2025. The motion was seconded by Vijay Desai. The motion passed unanimously.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. David Shostak will follow up on finding out how to use funds in tree bank according to the city code. David also mentioned potentially raising the amount of recompense in possible code revisions.
- b. David Shostak will follow up with Lauren Shapiro, the City Clerk, to ask for information about the rules of continued membership on NRC and possible disqualification from the commission due to lack of engagement.
- c. David Shostak spoke again about the potential of a citizen review group as discussed previously by Mike Buchanan. Shostak will also be reviewing other

cities' tree marshal programs to help with guidance on the details of creating this program.

- d. David Shostak mentioned speaking again with Innovation Academy about planting trees along the road. Mike Buchanan will help spur this conversation, beginning with Innovation Academy's principal.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mike Buchanan proposed potentially recognizing people who have done a great job following the City's tree code. We could reward them to help show other people how to continue natural resource preservation at an individual level.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Katie Reeves attended the meeting. Katie has been a valuable member of the community for over 35 years. Katie has served in numerous capacities for the City including her current role on the Planning Commission. She also helped the City of Alpharetta serving on the Tree Commission in 1991. She wants to bring her experience to continue improving the city. She is currently running for City Council.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. The next Natural Resource meeting will be held on September 16, 2025.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- a. A motion was made by Lindsey Ann Burnett to end the NRC meeting. The motion was seconded by Kate Tunison. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:40pm.