



Alpharetta Natural Resources
Commission Meeting
DECEMBER 16, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
2 PARK PLAZA

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The Natural Resource Commission Meeting began at 7:10pm in the Executive Conference room #121 on December 16, 2025.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Present were:
 - i. Commissioners: Mike Buchanan, Herb Velazquez, Lindsey Ann Burnett, and Beth Ott
 - ii. Staff: Terry Porter

3. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Herb Valaquez is interested in staying on the NRC for an additional year.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. The Approval of the Natural Resources Commission Meeting and Work Session Minutes from November 18, 2025, and December 16, 2025, will be voted on at the next meeting on January 20, 2025.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Mike Buchannan met with the principal of Innovation Academy. The principal is desiring to spend up to \$700.00 on tree planting. The NRC has grant money through Keep America Beautiful.\$1500.00. Beth Ott made a motion to spend \$1500.00 on the planting at the Innovation Academy. The motion was seconded by Herb Valazquez. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. At the next NRC meeting we will vote to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Beth Ott brought to the attention of the commission education about Data Centers harming natural resources in the community provided by Sci4ga.org. These affect numerous resources including but not limited to water and energy management, water pollution management, tree preservation and reforestation.
- b. Nature Matters will be shown on Feb 3rd from 6:00 -7:30pm at the Alpharetta City Library. Barbra Ann Temple, the director, will be here to also offer a question and answer after the film. Appen Media will be providing an article prior to the event to spread the word.
- c. Mike Buchannan spoke with a potential speaker to help bring awareness to the NRCs mission.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. There was no public comment.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. The next Natural Resource Meeting will be held on Jan 20, 2026, in the First floor Community Room at 6:30pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- a. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm by Beth Ott. Mike Buchannan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.