



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

MAY 15, 2018

Alpharetta City Hall
2 Park Plaza
Council Chambers
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. April Minutes**
- IV. STAFF REPORTS**
 - a. Arborist Report**
 - 1. Green Infrastructure Update**
 - b. Environmental Programs**
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Programs**
 - 1. Council and Mayoral Candidate Forums**
 - 2. Additional NRC Workshops / Meet-ups: Update**
 - A. "Bats"**
 - 3. FY2018 Bench Purchase**
 - A. Remaining Funds**
 - B. Dedication plaque**
 - 4. Solar Trashcan**
 - A. Downtown Recycling Program**
 - 5. Educational Farm Update**
 - b. Communications**
- VI. JUNE MEETING DATE**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2018

Call to Order

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held at City Hall on April 17, 2018. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (Chair), Geri Chapple, Sandra Johnson, Ben Manley, Howard Salk, Kate Tunison, Sara Colvin, Terry Porter (Staff), and David Shostak (Staff), Amanda Musilli (Staff – Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Community Services).

Approval of Minutes

March 2018 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

New NRC Member Welcomed

Sara Colvin has joined NRC as an alternate.

Staff Reports

- ***Arborist Report***

- Richard Lebovitz, GNPS, organized a native plant rescue for the new development off of Westside Pkwy.
- Regarding the Green Infrastructure project, the next meeting has not yet been set. Aspects of the project will include “benchmarking” against other such community efforts, as perhaps establishing a percentage of plantings that are required to be native in future developments.

- ***Environmental Programs***

- Provided list of past and upcoming events through Spring of 2018. The following are updates for upcoming events.
 - On 4/28 a sensitive document shredding and an electronics recycling collection was held at Public Works.
 - On 5/5 a Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Collection was held, also at PW.
- Terry had investigated the cost of having a wildlife expert from Chattahoochee Nature Center provide a program. The cost was quoted at \$385 for a 1.5 hour talk, with one animal brought for the discussion. If the NRC would like to add an event to the list of programs, the suggested lead time to have a press release written and promotion picked up by local sources is 2-3 weeks.

Committee Reports

- ***Educational Farm / Pollinator Garden***

- Preparation of the area for the Pollinator Garden continues, under the direction of Richard Levovitz.
- Per Amanda Musilli, work is in progress to obtain electrical and water permits, and to have a 10' deer fence installed. Public input sessions will begin in the fall of 2018 to develop a masterplan and name for the Rucker Road park. The larger effort of developing a comprehensive community agriculture program is in the formative stages.

- **Webb Bridge Park Cleanup**
 - Plans for this clean up effort have been tabled till late fall, and colder weather.
- **Mayoral / City Councilmember Debate**
 - Rather than conduct our own candidate forum, the NRC will compile a list of questions to pose at upcoming candidate forums and debates being sponsored by ABA and others.
- **Speaker Events**
 - Kate Tunison is going to reach out to some of the speakers suggested in February's meeting to see availability before deciding on a date.
 - Howard Salk has received no response from Charles Seabrook of the AJC regarding their hosting an event.
 - Deb Zemlock will check into the CNC 'Native Plants for Your Home Landscape' program.
- **FY 2018 Budget**
 - NRC has remaining funds available from this year's budget and will investigate purchasing either a bench, or bench plus trash/recycling container for the 'Food Truck Alley' area of downtown. Geri Chapple will also investigate cost of a solar trashcan.
- **Volunteer Opportunities for NRC Commissioners**
 - NRC provided volunteer support for the recycling events at Public Works, and gardening work at the Educaitonal Farm.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at City Hall.

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Public meeting April 17, 2018

Environmental Programs Coordinator Report – Terry Porter

Past Programs

4/17/2018	Shrink Your Lawn Workshop - Cancelled
4/28/2018	Computer and Electronics Recycling Collection
4/28/2018	Community Shredding Event
5/1/2018	North Metro Children's Water Festival - 580 4 th grade students
5/5/2018	Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Collection