



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION AUGUST 21, 2018

7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. July Minutes**
- IV. STAFF REPORTS**
 - a. Arborist Report**
 - 1. Green Infrastructure Project**
 - b. Environmental Programs**
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Programs**
 - 1. Community Agriculture / Educational Farm Update**
 - 2. Brooke Street Park Recycling Initiative**
 - 3. Bat Event**
 - b. Communications**
- VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2018

Call to Order

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held at City Hall on July 24, 2018. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (Chair), Geri Chapple, Sandra Johnson, Ben Manley, Kate Tunison, Jon McPhail, Terry Porter (Staff), David Shostak (Staff), Amanda Muselli (Staff). NRC Absent: Cat Fisher, Sara Colvin. Guest: Mayor Jim Gilvin.

Approval of Minutes

June 2018 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously.

NRC Resignation

Sandra Johnson is resigning the commission, effective immediately.

Staff Reports

- **Arborist Report (David Shostak)**
 - Three very large trees along Academy Street will need to be taken down, due to declining health.
 - For new trees planted by developers, the tree care plan now must be prepaid to ensure follow through.
 - DS is studying how the newest revisions to the tree ordinance are actually working. Some language changes may be deemed necessary.
 - Developers are no longer permitted to clear land of trees unless construction is imminent.
 - A meeting of the core group for the Green Infrastructure Project will occur soon, with a second public update /input meeting to follow.
 - DataScan Tree Planting – 50 trees will be planted in Brooke Street Park and surrounding areas on October 13th. This is a joint effort between Trees Atlanta, the JM Family Foundation, the City of Alpharetta and the Arbor Day Foundation.
- **Environmental Programs**
 - National Wildlife Habitat certification has been achieved for another year.
 - Events
 - Fall events to start in August. Terry asked NRC to check their calendars for available dates for Rivers Alive.

Committee Reports

- **Speaker Events**
 - The Bat Event, which is scheduled for September 15th, will be held at The Mansell House and Gardens. The program will be advertised via a press release, and on social media.
- **Community Agriculture /Educational Farm (Amanda Muselli)**
 - Amanda addressed the Ag Tech Conference on the subject of “Growing

Community while Growing Food.”

- The first open house took place at the Farm on July 14th. About 25 attendees toured the Farm, learned about what is already in progress, and offered their visions of what the Farm could and should be.
- The zinnias planted in the pollinator garden by Terry Schiff are drawing loads of butterflies.

- ***Downtown Recycling (Amanda Muselli)***

- The NRC will focus on establishing recycling in Brooke Street Park. Amanda will review the contract with our current hauler, Republic, and meet with them as an initial step.
- Mayor Gilvin suggested we may also want to see what local apartment complexes are recycling. NRC could get involved in re-educating the public on the benefits of recycling.
- JM suggested doing a waste generation analysis in downtown.
- TP will inquire if the NRC could visit our recycling facility.

- ***Communications***

- No updates other than Bat Event promotion, as described above.
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Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at City Hall.