



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION OCTOBER 16, 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. September Minutes**
- IV. STAFF REPORTS**
 - a. Arborist Report**
 - 1. Green Infrastructure Project**
 - a. NRC Initiatives to address issues**
 - b. Environmental Programs**
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Programs**
 - 1. Community Agriculture/ Educational Farm Update**
 - 2. Arbor Day 2019**
 - b. Communications**
- VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes - September 18, 2018

Call to Order

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held at City Hall on September 18, 2018. Attendees: Geri Chapple, Cat Fisher, Jon McPhail, Kate Tunison, and Terry Porter (Staff).

Approval of Minutes

August 2018 Meeting Minutes were accepted with changes unanimously.

New Business *(Notes taken by KT)*

Mayor Jim Gilvin attended the first part of the meeting. He wanted to discuss the Green Infrastructure grant; however, the last Green Infrastructure meeting was canceled due to Hurricane Florence. David Shostak will let us know when it has been rescheduled. Areas he brought up where he felt the NRC could have an interest and impact:

- Our eroding tree canopy has had an effect on Alpharetta with consequences showing up in some of the larger subdivisions such as Windward, Tuxford and Mannings Ridge in the form of silt in detention ponds and erosion.

Mayor Gilvin has met with Pete Sewczwicz, Kathi Cook and Osmany Ordóñez (with Community Development) along with a representative from Mannings Ridge to discuss their 4-acre detention pond from which Mannings Ridge's engineer has estimated approximately 70 truckloads of silt need to be dredged. Their meeting came from a position of "How can the City help?" with these types of situations. Tuxford subdivision is facing similar issues with their ponds except Tuxford HOA does not own the land where the ponds are located (they are divided on individual single family lots).

- The City is researching vegetated methods including willow staking that HOAs may want to consider along eroded banks to help stop erosion.
- Assuming the financial responsibility of dredging the detention ponds on private property is not something the City can do.
- The detention ponds in Tuxford have been an on-going issue.
- The City has also noted erosion along Big Creek.
- Mayor Gilvin suggested the NRC could sponsor/hold workshops for the affected neighborhoods about potential solutions for the erosion and detention pond issues. This could be part of Arbor Day or another type of event. He felt it was a natural fit for the NRC to champion this project.
- Terry Porter reported that the Public Works Department has been working on some options and will be able to report to City Council soon.
- Mayor Gilvin has started a quarterly program where representatives of homeowners associations meet and discuss issues. There has been one meeting so far.
Action Needed: NRC to decide on Mayor Gilvin's suggestion about workshops for the affected neighborhoods.

Staff Reports

- **Arborist Report**
 - No report; DS was not present
- **Environmental Programs**
 - Green Infrastructure
 - Public Works Department asked TP to mention the buffer/ stream/water protection programs mentioned by Mayor Gilvin in the above.
 - This program is in the infant stages and will focus on educational programs and materials such as a website and workshops.
 - Events
 - Macroinvertebrates Event on 9/29/2018
 - Rivers Alive on 10/06/2018 - Volunteers needed for check-in, dispatch, etc., between 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM. Refreshments donations needed.
 - Rock Mill Park is the staging area of Rivers Alive. Safe public access to streams is a challenge. JM has volunteered to scout locations at Foe Killer Creek and Long Indian Creek if it becomes an option.
 - Community Shredding Event & Computer and Electronics Recycling Collection on 11/03/2018 - Volunteers needed

Committee Reports

- **Events**
 - Bat Event - Approximately 66 attendees; a good mixture of families and adults
 - CF mentioned that attendees showed interested in a pollinator event as well as a Sip and Stroll.
 - NRC / Public Works will be given a spread in the upcoming Leisure Guide
 - Dates for events are needed by next week
 - GC suggested we do not give exact dates, but general information for each month; then have readers go to our meet-up or website for more information.
- **Budget**
 - No updates; BM was not present
- **Communications**
 - 600 members in NRC Meet -Up

Other Business

- Amanda Musilli of the Parks and Recreation Department provided an update on both the Farm and Recycling Program
 - Farm Update
 - YMCA Day of Service had over 100 people volunteer at the Farm over two days. Multiple projects completed.
 - Cambridge High School FFA and the Chattahoochee Nature Center will utilize the Farm as part of a Farm to Cafeteria Program.
 - Received a donation of heirloom apple trees

- Met with landscape architect today to discuss park design
- AM asked if there was a map of home vegetable gardens
 - CF suggested that she take a poll at the next city-wide HOA meeting
- Recycling Program Update
 - Brooke Street Park now has recycling containers for events. They will be placed beside trash bins.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at City Hall.

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission
Public meeting October 16, 2018

Environmental Programs Coordinator Report – Terry Porter

Past programs

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| 9/19/18 | Gardening in the Shade
Alpharetta Public Works Department |
| 9/26/18 | Composting
Alpharetta Public Works Department |
| 9/29/18 | Adopt-A-Stream Training - Macroinvertebrates
Autrey Mill Nature Center |
| 10/6/18 | Rivers Alive
Rock Mill Park Staging area |
| 10/10/18 | Growing Fruit in Georgia
Alpharetta Public Works Department |
| 10/17/18 | Fall in Georgia – The Best Time to Plant Trees and Shrubs
Alpharetta Public Works Department |

Upcoming programs

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| 11/3/18 | Community Shredding Event
Alpharetta Public Works Department |
| 11/3/18 | Computer and Electronics Recycling Collection
Alpharetta Public Works Department |
| 11/15/18 | Septic Tank Workshop for Homeowners
Alpharetta City Hall |
| 11/17/18 | Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Collection
Public Works Department |