



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 19, 2019

City Hall
2 Park Plaza

7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - a. January Minutes
- IV. STAFF REPORTS
 - a. Arborist Report
 - b. Environmental Programs
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Programs
 - 1. Arbor Day 2019 and Other Tree Plantings (DZ coordinating with David Shostak and Recs and Parks)
 - 2. Great American Clean-Up Events
 - Webb Bridge Park Clean Up- March 2, 9 am-12 pm (DZ coordinating with Nate Hand)
 - Clean up your block- social promotion- coordinator?
 - Community clean up on location- Date? Coordinator?
 - 3. Sip and Stroll with David Shostak- Date? Format? Coordinator?
 - 4. Pollinator Gardening Workshop- Coordinator?
 - 5. Tree Sale- Format? Dates? Coordinator?
 - b. Communications
- VI. NEXT MEETING DATE
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2019

Call to Order

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held at City Hall on January 15, 2019. Attendees: Geri Chapple, Sandra Kinney, Ben Manley, Kate Tunison, Deb Zemlock (Chair) and David Shostak (Staff), Amanda Musilli (Staff), and Arata Wantanabe (Guest).

Approval of Minutes

November 2018 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Staff Reports

- **Arborist Report**

- GA State Arbor Day celebrations will be held on Feb. 7th in Duluth, and February 21st in Woodbine.
- The date for the Data Scan tree planting will be confirmed and communicated by David. NRC volunteers will participate, as available.
- To support the Green Infrastructure project, NRC will develop documents to post on the City website. Topics include: Stream Stabilization (video project with Brian King), and Detention Pond Maintenance.
- The Northpoint Livable Centers Initiative is considered an eco-district. It has proposed to rework the mall area detention pond to be similar to the one in the Atlanta beltline area, thus making it a community gathering and recreational site.

- **Environmental Programs**

- Events
 - Some of the regular workshops will be deleted this spring, and some new ones scheduled, including a Littering Workshop, Good Soil and Composting, The Fragrant Garden, and Gardening Myths.
 - Pollinator Gardening Workshop (summer), and a Tree Sale in fall.
 - Ideas for the 'Great American Clean Up' were discussed, such as a Clean Up Your Block promotion, and a Community Clean-Up project. No decisions were made.

- **NRC Programs and Events**

- Future Event ideas for 2019:
 - A speaker(s) will need to be identified for a Pollinator Gardening workshop in summer.
 - David Shostak will host a Sip & Stroll in late spring (May?)
 - tree sale (pre-ordered trees, sold to the community)
 - Podcasts: 5-10 minute informative conversations on various topics

- **NRC Communications**

- Facebook Page – TP has content from Keep America Beautiful to add to the FB page

- ***Community Agriculture***

- Amanda Musilli updated progress at the Old Rucker Road Park:
 - new community gardening plots sold out rapidly
 - there are currently 700 seedling plants growing in the greenhouse for spring planting
 - Food Well Alliance will hold a forum in Alpharetta on February 27th to assess community interest in urban farming. There is potential for gaining funds and support from them to further plan and execute such a program.

Next Meeting

Tuesday February 19th, 7 pm at City Hall