



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MAY 21, 2019

City Hall
2 Park Plaza
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. April Minutes**
- IV. STAFF REPORTS**
 - a. Arborist Report**
 - b. Environmental Programs**
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Programs**
 - b. Communications**
 - c. Budget**
- VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes - April 16, 2019

Call to Order

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held at City Hall on April 16, 2019. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (Chair), Jill Bernard, Geri Chapple, Cat Fisher, Ben Manley, Kate Tunison, Terry Porter (Staff), and Amanda Musilli (Staff).

Approval of Minutes

March 2019 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously by the Commission.

Staff Reports

- **Arborist Report**
 - No report.
- **Environmental Programs**
 - Many of the spring calendar workshops and recycling events have already been completed. Still remaining:
 - Earth Day Festival at Sanctuary Park on 4/18/19
 - Electronics recycling / shredding on 4/27/19
 - Gardening Myths workshop on 5/1/19
 - Recycling for Taste of Alpharetta on 5/2/19
 - Northern Children's Water Festival on 5/7/19
 - Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Recycling (June)
 - Pollinator workshop (6/8/19)

Committee Reports

- **Events**
 - Pollinator Event
 - No updates.
 - TP asked for a short summary of the event for the leisure guide by the end of the week; KT provided a few lines that should be sufficient for guide.
 - CF suggested if numbers are low for the pollinator event that we should consider a table at the weekly Farmer's Market to promote.
 - Podcasts
 - GC provided the following ideas: conversation between DZ and Mayor Gilvin; conversation with Will Eberly; conversation with Terry Porter on recycling; information on Alpharetta's Wildside / Wildlife in our community; conversation on blight in our community and how to help fix the issues; conversation with Nikki Belmonte on birds in our area; novice guide to gardening; conversation with Joe Lamp'I; information on community restoration / preservation; information on growth in the city; information on the Greenway, e.g. the Greenway app, safety, and other issues surrounding the Greenway; conversation with corporations that volunteer with our events / programs such as EY and Data Scan.

- DZ suggested a conversation with DS on the urban forest and impact we can make.
 - Lowe Lane Update
 - The structures are completely demolished. DZ spoke with someone at the property - she was excited to see a tree save fence around trees but was told when new development occurs the lot will be completely cleared.
- **Communications**
 - No updates.
- **Budget**
 - CF provided information on initial research for ways to spend funds
 - A tent with all the additional would be approximately \$700.
 - TP suggested that maybe two tent tops instead of a tent package could be an option; CF will price two top option as well as a larger tent - 12X18.
 - Long sleeve performance shirts screen printed are approximately \$10 - \$13 per unit.
 - TP stated concern over not having enough shirts for all the volunteers that we engage with during a year; KT suggested that we could be selective on which volunteers we give the shirts to.
 - DZ stated concerns on use at the event if it is long sleeve. CF explained that long sleeve shirts are not as common and it would be useful in everyday life providing protection against the sun and insects when volunteers did outdoor activities on their own time. JB suggested that the shirts would be more of a thank you for volunteers that could be used in the future.
 - BM provided an estimated spend of \$700 through the end of the year.
 - CF will budget the above items at \$1,100 with the tent being the first priority, and the shirts claiming the remaining balance.

Other Updates

- **Rock Mill Park**
 - TP let us know that Kurt Kirby will be redoing the green roof pavilion and trial model layout to provide a more inviting flow to the space. The area immediately surrounding the pavilion will be modified to open cell permeable grids to allow for management of storm water runoff and preserve the vegetation.
- **Sabine Genet / Alpharetta United Methodist Church**
 - TP let us know that Sabine asked if there were any materials or information we would like the AUMC to market for us at their table during Taste of Alpharetta. TP has various handouts she will be offering to Sabine on our behalf.
- **Cotton House**
 - DZ asked when the Cotton House demo will begin.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at City Hall.

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Public meeting- May 21, 2019

Environmental Programs Coordinator Report – Terry Porter

Past Public Offerings

4/18	Earth Day Festival at Sanctuary Park
4/27	Computer and Electronics Recycling Collection
4/27	Community Shredding Event
5/1	Gardening Myths Workshop
5/2	Recycling – Taste of Alpharetta
5/7	Northern Children's Water Festival

Upcoming Public Offerings

6/8	Creating a Pollinator Paradise in Your Backyard
6/22	Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Collection