



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION OCTOBER 15, 2019

7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. September Minutes**
- IV. STAFF REPORTS**
 - a. Arborist Report**
 - b. Environmental Programs**
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Programs**
 - 1. Completed Programs**
 - A. Sip & Stroll in Brooke Street Park**
 - 2. Programs for 2019-2020**
 - A. Arbor Day Tree Sale**
 - B. Employee Sustainable Landscape Management Techniques in our Parks**
 - C. Educational Program regarding Snakes in our Area- Spring 2020**
 - D. Beneficial Insects Program- Spring/Summer 2020**
 - E. Green Infrastructure Guidance Documents**
 - b. Communications**
 - c. Budget- FY 2020: Projected Spending Items**
- VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2019

Call to Order

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held at City Hall on September 17, 2019. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (Chair), Sandra Kinney, Cat Fisher, Ben Manley, Kate Tunison, Terry Porter (Staff), and Arata Wantanabe, guest.

Approval of Minutes

August 2019 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously by the Commission.

Staff Reports

- **Arborist Report (reported by DZ)**
 - October 10 - 'Sip 'N Stroll with the Arborist' at Brooke Street Park to happen from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 - Starting / Meeting point to be the gazebo between City Hall and the Library
 - CF to create flyer; also ask DS if he would like a "Start Here" poster for sandwich boards made
- **Environmental Programs**
 - Wednesday, September 25th - Gardening in the Shade workshop at Public Works
 - Saturday, September 28 - Rivers Alive from 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
 - Lunch and snacks will be provided, due to generous donations from our local sponsor, DataScan, and our supporter, Great Harvest Bakery
 - Approximately 100 volunteers
 - TP needs help setting up the tent Friday night as well as at 7:00 AM on Saturday morning
 - DZ, SC, BM, and CF all volunteered to help with the event
 - Day-of activities include: two stream clean-ups, clean-ups along City roadways and intersections, redoing the Green Roof Pavilion area at Rock Mill Park, including replanting new trial models, replanting rain chain gardens, and installing sod around the pavilion. In tent near registration will be pet waste education, pollinator information, environmental brochures and a bubble station
 - DZ asked about alternatives to sodding; TP said the grass grid was priced out as an option.

Committee Reports

- **Events**
 - Snake Event
 - TP ran into Jerry Hightower and he is interested in doing the event in the Spring; CF will follow up with JH to set a date, etc.
 - Beneficial Insects" Event
 - No updates

- CF suggested having a Spring event where the public could ask questions about the impact of lawncare on beneficial insects
 - Green Infrastructure
 - No updates
 - Arbor Day 2020
 - DZ let the commission know that James Drinkard suggested donating the money raised during fundraiser to go to the City's Tree Bank and have it earmarked for a special tree planting project; DS is to follow up with Parks and Rec and Public Works to find any projects we could earmark funds for
 - DZ would like to order trees ASAP; will apply money from our current FY budget to purchase
 - TP suggested us being at the Farmers Market and Christmas Market to promote
 - Sustainable Landscape Practices Study
 - KT ran into Morgan Rogers; Morgan will send an e-mail to Triscapes to stop the use of Round-Up in the area around the Community Garden at Wills Park. (Old Rucker Farm Community Gardens already employ sustainable agriculture / organic practices)
 - SK said that Georgia Tech has a sustainable Horticulture Program that has tested less toxic options, including industrial strength vinegar, citrus oil and "flame"; she will check how to purchase industrial vinegar and provide information to KT for Morgan Rogers.
 - TP let us know that use of non-toxic alternative would earn us points on green communities
 - Other
 - TP spoke with Jon McPhail's widow; she would like to have a memorial planting; November would be the best month for her and her son; she may also purchase a bench to donate in his memory.
- **Communications**
 - No updates
- **Budget**
 - DZ asked BM to earmark \$1,2000 for the purchase of Arbor Day 2020 trees

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at City Hall.

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Public meeting August 20, 2019

Environmental Programs Coordinator Report – Terry Porter

Upcoming Public Offerings

10/19/19	Community Shredding Event	8:30am - Noon
10/19/19	Computer and Electronics Recycling Collection	8:30am - Noon
10/30/19	Fall in Georgia – The Best Time to Plant Trees and Shrubs	7:00pm – 8:30pm
11/06/2019	Garden Inspiration	7:00pm – 8:30pm