



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION DECEMBER 17, 2019

Council Chambers
City Hall
2 Park Plaza
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. October Minutes
 - b. November Minutes
- IV. STAFF REPORTS**
 - a. Arborist Report
 - b. Environmental Programs
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Programs for 2019/2020
 - 1. Arbor Day
 - a. Tree Sale
 - b. Memorial Tree Planting for Jon McPhail
 - 2. Employing Sustainable Landscape Management Techniques in our Parks
 - a. Meeting with Councilman Binder
 - b. Next Steps
 - b. Communications
 - 1. Arbor Day Tree Sales flier needed
 - c. Budget - FY2020: Project Spending Items
- VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes - October 15, 2019

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

September 2019 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously by the Commission.

Staff Reports

- **Arborist Report (reported by DZ)**
 - The October 10th "Sip 'N Stroll at Brooke Street Park' was lightly attended, but went very well. DS indicated he would like to do such an event 2 times a year (spring and fall) at varying locations. One possible location would be Webb Bridge Park, where we could include a focus on the benefits of trees in storm water mitigation. It will be important to have earlier planning and event communication in the future.
 - There will be 5 trees planted in the Publix round-about park on Friday Oct. 18th. This planting is being sponsored by Mr. William Albertson, in conjunction with the National Arbor Day Foundation. DZ will reach out to Appen News for event coverage.
 - The City is a new annual supporter of the GA Tree Council.
- **Environmental Programs**
 - Electronic Recycling & Document Shredding Event – October 19th, 2019 at Public Works

Committee Reports

- **Events**
 - Arbor Day 2020 Tree Sale
 - DS knows of several nurseries that might be good sources for our Tree Sale trees. Sandra Kinney suggested another one in Chatsworth, GA. We will pre-order the trees, and ask for a suggested donation for each tree from the recipient upon pick-up.
 - Focus will be on native trees.
 - GC will create a flier.
 - Sustainable Landscape Practices Study
 - Next steps were determined to be a meeting with Jason Binder to gain support.
 - A goal will be to create a guidance document for TriScapes to know where it is ok to use glyphosate, and where it is not ok
 - Beneficial Insects Workshop
 - Suggestion was made to focus on "bees" for this spring's educational presentation.

- ***Communications***
 - No updates
- ***Budget***
 - No updates.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at City Hall.

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2019

Call to Order

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held at City Hall on November 19, 2019. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (Chair), Ben Manley, Jill Bernard, David Shostak (Staff), and Terry Porter (Staff). Guests: Arata Wantanabe, Mayor Jim Gilvin, Ashley Logan

Approval of Minutes

Less than quorum for the vote. Approval will be sought via email.

Staff Reports

- ***Arborist Report***
 - Two new developments poised to start: ECCO housing project off Haynes Bridge Road adjacent to the mall, and the Lowe Lane project off of Roswell Road.
- ***Environmental Programs***
 - Excellent turnout for the Household Hazardous Waste & Paint Collection. 39,900 pounds of chemicals and paints were collected and diverted from landfills.
 - Terry Porter is making plans with Amanda Musilli regarding an Earth Day Event to be offered by the Rucker Road and Park Farm. Planning is in the beginning stages.
 - For the Great American Clean-up 2020, Terry suggested working with the Atlanta Audubon Society for a Greenway clean-up near the YMCA. Native plants could be installed in areas where the Privet has been removed. Ben Manley offered that AT&T would likely provide a volunteer group.

Committee Reports

- ***Events***
 - Arbor Day 2020 Tree Sale
 - DS and DZ developed a list of 10-12 native tree species that we may wish to offer for the sale. DS will investigate several potential nursery suppliers.
 - If possible, we will have an online form on the city website for residents to pre-order. DS will check with James Drinkard.
 - The target date for tree distribution will be Friday and Saturday March 6, 7 at the Wills Park Parking lot near the swimming pool. We will offer a pile of free wood chip mulch for the taking.
 - A flier will need to be developed for publishing via social media and City e-newsletter in early January.
 - Wills Park Streambank Restoration Project (2020)
 - The NRC submitted a letter of support for a grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to help fund this restoration. NRC committed to assist with volunteer coordination during the replanting phase.
- ***Communications***

- No updates
- **Budget**
 - No updates

Input from visitors

Ashley Logan asked why we are not recycling in the downtown business area. Mayor Gilvin said it is being looked at, but was very challenging task to accomplish. Some of the obstacles include food contamination of recyclables, collection difficulties in the City Center area, and changing demand for recyclable materials.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at City Hall

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Public meeting August 20, 2019

Environmental Programs Coordinator Report – Terry Porter

Upcoming Offerings

1/ 04/20	Bring One for the Chipper Christmas Tree Recycling
1/29/20	Septic Tank Workshop for Homeowners