



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION JANUARY 21, 2020

7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
 - II. ROLL CALL**
 - III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. December Minutes**
 - IV. STAFF REPORTS**
 - a. Arborist Report**
 - b. Environmental Programs**
 - V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Programs**
 - 1. Programs for 2020**
 - a. Arbor Day**
 - b. 2. Tree Sale**
 - c. Memorial Tree Planting for Jon McPhail**
 - 2. Employing Sustainable Landscape Management Techniques in our Parks**
 - a. Update/progress**
 - 3. 'Gardening for Birds' Workshop**
 - a. Saturday, March 21st, 9:30 am - 11:00 am, Mansell House**
 - b. Communications**
 - 1. Arbor Day Tree Sale Flyer**
 - c. Budget- FY 2020; Projected spending items**
- VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2019

Call to Order

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held at City Hall on December 17, 2019. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (Chair), Ben Manley, Kate Tunison, Sandra Kinney, Geri Chapple, Dan Mitnick, David Shostak (Staff), and Terry Porter (Staff). Guests: Arata Wantanabe.

Announcements

- Jill Bernard has left NRC, and Daniel Mitnick has been appointed by Councilman Hipes.

Approval of Minutes

- Both October and November meeting minutes were approved.

Staff Reports

- **Arborist Report**
 - Windward Soccer Park is being converted to a multi-use park with walking path, etc. This may be a site that needs tree plantings in the future.
 - Cotton House Hotel construction is starting downtown.
- **Environmental Programs**
 - Bring One for the Chipper is scheduled for 1/4/2020. Terry and Geri will collaborate on a flier with reminders of the benefits of recycling the trees, upcoming events, and the future NRC Native Tree "Sale." YMSL and Alpharetta Rotary volunteers will support the event.
 - Terry will hold a Septic Tank workshop on 1/29/20.

Committee Reports

- **Events**
 - Arbor Day 2020 Tree Sale
 - DS and SK still working on a nursery source for the trees.
 - Plan is for an online order form on the city website. 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.
 - Kate will check with Ellen Honeycutt for a date in March for our 'Gardening for Birds' workshop. Target location is Mansell House.
- **Communications**
 - No updates in addition to above.
- **Budget**
 - No updates

Next Meeting: January 21, 2020 at City Hall

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Public meeting January 21, 2019

Environmental Programs Coordinator Report – Terry Porter

Past programs

1/04/20 Bring One for the Chipper Christmas Tree Recycling

Upcoming Offerings

1/29/20 Septic Tank Workshop for Homeowners

2/19/20 Maintaining and Pruning Shrubs and Roses

2/26/20 Lawn Care for Spring and Summer

2/29/19 Growing Fruit in Georgia

Sweep the Hooch – April 4, 2020

The Chattahoochee River Keeper has invited us to participate in their Sweep the Hooch cleanup this year. This is the 10th year for the program which has collected 227,401 pounds of debris from the Chattahoochee River watershed during this time. There are currently 45 sites registered for this year's cleanup. We would be team lead for a site we choose in Alpharetta and coordinate a local cleanup as part of this overall effort.