



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

MARCH 24, 2020

City Hall
2 Park Plaza
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. February Minutes
- IV. STAFF REPORTS**
 - a. Arborist Report
 - b. Environmental Programs
 - 1. 'Sweep the Hooch' - April 4th - Chattahoochee River Keepers
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Programs
 - 1. Arbor Day Activities Completed
 - a. Proclamation on March 2, 2020
 - b. Native Trees/Shrub Sale
 - c. Memorial Tree Planting for Jon McPhail; planting of 2 Sweet Bay Magnolias
 - 2. 'Gardening for Birds' Workshop- Rescheduled- May 2; 9:30-11:00 AM, Mansell House
 - 3. Snake Educational Program
 - 4. Earth Day Event: April 18th
 - 5. Upcoming Programs
 - b. Communications
 - c. Budget- FY 2020; Projected Spending Items
- VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2020

Call to Order

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held at City Hall on February 18, 2020. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (Chair), Ben Manley, Kate Tunison, Geri Chapple, Dan Mitnick, Sandra Kinney, David Shostak (Staff), and Terry Porter (Staff). Guest: Arata Wantanabe.

Approval of Minutes

- January 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

Staff Reports

- **Arborist Report**
 - The City has just received its 30-Year Tree City USA package. New banners to hang.
 - DS presented to the GA Tree Council on the topic of 'Wrong Tree/ Wrong Place.'
- **Environmental Programs**
 - The Septic Tank Workshop was attended by 50 individuals.
 - Upcoming February workshops include: 'Maintaining and Pruning Shrubs and Roses,' 'Lawn Care for Spring and Summer,' and 'Growing Fruit in Georgia' (in Roswell). March workshops include: 'Good Soil and Composting.'
 - Will help promote the Chattahoochee River Keeper's 'Sweep the Hooch' event on April 4th.
 - Earth Day Event April 18th will be at The Old Rucker Farm & Park from 10 am-2 pm. NRC will have a tent and some crafts / activities that support the event.

Committee Reports

- **Events**
 - Arbor Day 2020 Tree Sale
 - DZ will need help for the tree pick-up dates. Arata will help on March 6, and BM and DM will help on March 21.
 - 'Gardening for Birds' workshop scheduled for March 21st, 9:30 am at Mansell House.
 - Will need an honorarium (DS to check with Finance Dept regarding gift card)
 - Will need to publish event on City website and on HOA's
 - Jon McPhail memorial tree planting will take place at Rock Mill Park on Friday February 21, 10:30 am. This is also GA Arbor Day, so 2 additional trees will be planted in the park as well.
 - Snake Educational Program – CF is unable to lead the effort for this workshop at this time. TP will check with Jerry Hightower to see if he even has any available dates left for spring – summer 2020. However, no one else from NRC offered to take the lead on this event.
- **Communications**
 - No updates in addition to above.

- **Budget**

- New expenditures incurred in the first quarter will be updated at the March meeting.

Master Gardener Classes

Arata advised the group that there will be upcoming informational meetings about becoming a GA Master Gardener. The first such meeting will be March 11th, 1-2:30 pm at the Alpharetta Library. The 12 weeks of classes will be in September-October. Cost is \$200 and there are 40 spaces for participants. Info at: masterg@uga.edu

Next Meeting: March 17, 2020 at City Hall

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Public meeting March 24, 2020

Environmental Programs Coordinator Report – Terry Porter

Past programs

2/19/20	Maintaining and Pruning Shrubs and Roses
2/21/20	Jon McPhail - Memorial Tree Planting
2/26/20	Lawn Care for Spring and Summer
2/29/19	Growing Fruit in Georgia
3/11/20	Good Soil and Composting Hosted by Special Events

Upcoming Offerings

3/18/20	The Fragrant Garden
3/21/20	Gardening for Birds
March 6 & 7	Arbor Day Tree Sale - Pickup Days
3/18/20	The Fragrant Garden
3/19/20	Fix-A-Leak Workshop
3/21/20	The 8th Annual Water Drop Dash 5K and Water Festival Chattahoochee Nature Center 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run/Walk & water festival
3/21/20	Planting for Birds
3/21/20	Propagating Plants 101- Special Events Rucker Road Park and Farm- Special Events
3/25/20	The Basics of Vegetable Gardening – Special Events