



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

AUGUST 18, 2020

City Hall
2 Park Plaza
Council Chambers
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. July Minutes**
- IV. STAFF REPORTS**
 - a. Arborist Report**
 - b. Environmental Programs**
 - 1. Rivers Alive**
 - 2. Electronics Recycling / Shredding**
 - 3. HHW & Paint Recycling**
 - Other Potential Programs**
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Programs**
 - b. Communications**
 - c. Budget**
- VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes—July 21, 2020

Call to Order

A meeting of the Alpharetta natural Resources Commission was held at City Hall on July 21, 2020. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (chair), Ben Manley, Kate Tunison, Geri Chapple, Dan Mitnick and Terry Porter (staff). Cat Stubbs has resigned from the commission.

Approval of Minutes

February 18, 2020 minutes were approved.

Staff Reports

- No Arborist in attendance

Environmental Programs

- Some virtual programs will be held, but in-person public workshops and programs are mostly closed for now. Small projects will become the new normal. Social distancing guidelines have been created for any programs that go forward. The City is still open to ideas.
- Two recycling events are scheduled to open:
 - Household Hazardous Waste collection is 9/26/20
 - Electronics and Shredding is 10/17/20.
- Septic tank workshop will be virtual.
- Rain barrel workshop will be virtual. Hoping to get an Alpharetta pick-up site in early August, if approved.
- Rivers Alive will be held perhaps in late October with a different format: run it over 2 weeks, small projects given to individuals or small family/team units to accomplish as they can. NRC asked to look for safe projects on public property. Look for illegal dumping areas.
- Some small projects that we could help run might include:
 - Storm drain stenciling
 - Distribute pet waste products (bags) and door hangers explaining importance of picking up pet waste
 - Distribute large quantity of vegetable seeds donated to Terry
 - Small group tree plantings, such as with the Boy Scouts
- Currently, the City doesn't have a Keep America Beautiful logo. Need to develop one to be in compliance with President's Circle. Terry will send examples.
- The NRC budget was approved. We have \$2000 to spend in 2020/2021.

Programs Committee

- Committee met to emphasize Keep Alpharetta Beautiful, Tree City, Arbor Day, Alpharetta's Wild Side programs.
- The committee is looking for ways to keep programs relevant and current but not available yet.
- Consideration of a volunteer corps-people working in small groups. The committee will develop an on-call list. The Meet-Up list, local clubs, students.
- Deb would like to create a report to the City Council as there are many new members who have not heard from the NRC. Terry recommended placing the information on NRC-branded flash drives.
- There are a few spots on the commission that are currently open.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2020 at City Hall

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Public meeting August 18, 2020

Environmental Programs Coordinator Report – Terry Porter

Programs Offered

8/5/2020 Septic Tank Workshop This was a virtual workshop

Public Offerings Scheduled

9/12/2020 Rain Barrel Workshop This will be a virtual workshop with barrel pickup at Rock
Mill Park

9/26/ 2020 Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Collection

October Rivers Alive

10/17/20 Community Shredding Event

10/17/20 Computer and Electronics Recycling Collection