



## NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION NOVEMBER 17, 2020

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- III. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER 2020 MEETING MINUTES
  - a. September Minutes
  - October Minutes
- IV. ARBORIST REPORT
  - a. Arborist Report
- V. KEEP ALPHARETTA BEAUTIFUL / ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS
  - a. 1. Programs Currently Approved for Fall 2020
    - Rivers Alive
    - America Recycles Day Communications: November 15
  - 2. Future Programs
    - Bring One for the Chipper - January 9, 2021
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS
- VII. DECEMBER MEETING DATE
- VIII. ADJOURN

## **Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes—October 20, 2020**

#### **Call to Order**

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held via Zoom call on October 20, 2020. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (chair), Geri Chapple, Dan Mitnick, Terry Porter (staff) and David Shostack (staff).

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The three commission members in attendance were in favor of approving the minutes for the September 15, 2020. Deb Zemlock will contact the other members of the commission for their vote.

#### **Staff Reports**

##### **Arborist Report-David Shostack**

- No new information but David Shostack reports his department is very busy.

##### **Environmental Programs Report—Terry Porter**

- Electronics/shredding was held on October 17, 2020 at EPW. 575 people attended. Volunteers from the Young Men's Service League also helped. Dan Mitnick and Deb Zemlock volunteered at the event and said citizens were very appreciative of the service.
- Rivers Alive is still scheduled. The MA Center volunteers may help at Rock Mill Park. There will also be a project led by the Audubon Society. Native vegetation will be planted to enhance the bird habitats. This event will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2020. Fulton Science Academy School may also participate.
- 700 people submitted forms for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection. 620 people showed up but there were some duplicates or residents of other cities who were not eligible to participate.
- The next collection will be Bring One for the Chipper on January 9, 2020. The YMSL group and the Alpharetta Rotary will likely assist with the event. Free mulch is available after the event.
- America Recycles Day is November 15, 2020. There are now restrictions on what's being recycled and where. The public needs to be informed. Communication should include communicating on the commission's Facebook page, in the city newsletter, as well as tweets from James Drinkard. There may be a media toolkit that will provide content and graphics. "Recycle Right" covers which materials belong in the recycling bin and which materials do not. Alternatives to single-use plastics could also be promoted. Deb Zemlock discussed the problem of cities not being able to fully recycle certain materials due to the current recycling market. She believes messages about recycling need to be clarified and especially the problem with contamination.

- There was a brief discussion about the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- Deb Zemlock suggested the commission consider re-planting of trees as part of the City's Arbor Day celebration.

Next Meeting: November 17, 2020. A Zoom call will be scheduled.  
Adjournment

## **Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes—September 15, 2020**

#### **Call to Order**

A meeting of the Alpharetta natural Resources Commission was held at City Hall on September 15, 2020. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (chair), Ben Manley, Kate Tunison, Geri Chapple, Dan Mitnick and Terry Porter (Staff) and David Shostak (staff).

#### **Approval of Minutes**

August 18, 2020, minutes were approved.

#### **Staff Reports**

##### **Arborist Report-David Shostack**

- No new, large projects have come to the City for review.
- Tree removal permits have been issued.
- City has seen tear downs/re-builds of existing homes and pools are being put in.
- Trees in the downtown area are struggling to survive. David believes there are rootball issues with those trees. Those trees may not have gotten enough water.

##### **Environmental Programs Report—Terry Porter**

- The Rain Barrel virtual workshop was a success.
- Electronics/shredding will be October 17, 2020 at EPW.
- Household Hazardous Waste recycling program on September 26, 2020 at EPW. Dan will volunteer for the gate statistics area.
- Rivers Alive: Late October
- Terry will meet with Kate and Dan to formalize project plans.
- NRC members are welcome to recruit volunteers. YMSL and Fulton Science Academy have offered to volunteer.
- Bird habitat building and privet removal are possible activities.
- Other ideas: Roadways and wetland area clean-ups?
- Audubon Greenway Clean-up and Privet Removal Project: Signs are progressing-two signs-bird ID with a link to identify local birds-Audubon people are prepared to lead native plant installation project
- The NRC has done several virtual workshops. The City will advertise some meetings with the master gardeners.
- The Rain Barrel Workshop was a success.
- Wills Park Streambank Restoration Project – Terry and David will check on status and potential timing to begin project.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2020. Location to be determined.

Adjournment

**Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission**

**Public meeting November 17, 2020**

**Environmental Programs Coordinator Report – Terry Porter**

Programs Offered

10/17/20      Community Shredding Event

10/17/20      Computer and Electronics Recycling Collection

October        Rivers Alive – A few projects were accomplished.

Two miles of roadways were cleaned.

The bioretention ponds at Rock Mill Park were weeded.

A native planting project with Georgia Audubon has been postponed until later this month due to a storm.

Public Offerings Scheduled

11/15/2020    America Recycles Day