



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION JANUARY 19, 2021

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - a. November 2020 Minutes
- IV. ARBORIST REPORT
 - a. Arbor Day date and plans
- V. KEEP ALPHARETTA BEAUTIFUL / ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS
 - a. 2021 Public Offerings
 - Bring One for the Chipper (completed)
 - Spring Programs
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS
- VII. FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING DATE
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**Natural Resources Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2020**

I. Call to Order

A Zoom meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held on November 17, 2020. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (chair), Ben Manley, Kate Tunison, Geri Chapple, Dan Mitnick, Sandra Kinney, Terry Porter (staff) and David Shostak (staff). Stella Chin, a student from Alpharetta High School also attended.

II. Approval of September and October 2020 Meeting Minutes

a. September 2020 Minutes

The minutes were approved via email.

b. October 2020 Minutes-Dan Mitnick moved to accept the October minutes. Kate seconded the motion. The October 2020 minutes were approved.

III. Arborist Report

The property on the corner Haynes Bridge Road and Morrison/Westside Parkway will undergo a timber harvest. The property is in a Conservation Use Value Assessment (CUVA) zone. This is also an agriculture zone and the trees can be harvested. No specimen recompense. They will preserve a 50-foot buffer that will be thinned. The property will be clear-cut except for the buffers.

A storm knocked down many trees in the area. Numerous tree removal permits were requested.

IV. Keep Alpharetta Beautiful/Environmental Programs

a. Programs

The Shredding and Electronics collection went well. More than 600 citizens participated. Eleven YMSL members helped. Despite the pandemic, people were enthusiastic. Public Works employees helped with traffic control.

b. Rivers Alive

-Volunteers from the MA Center weeded the bio retention ponds at Rock Mill Park. Two groups did roadway clean-ups (two miles).

-A planting project with the Audubon Society was postponed until Saturday, November 21, 2020. This is part of a habitat restoration project in partnership with the Georgia Audubon Society. This work day will focus on the planting native vegetation part of the project to replace the removed privet and to enhance habitat diversity. Volunteers will be limited to 20 as part of Covid-19 precautions. There may be a waiting list. The Native Plant Society will also help. Vegetative grasses and other varieties of plants are being donated. The Audubon Society received grants to cut down privet trees. Trail signs that cover birds and invasive plant species are also being created as part of this project.

-The Governor's Circle Award from Keep Georgia Beautiful- was given to Keep Alpharetta Beautiful and the ANRC in recognition of their efforts. The Pollinator Garden at the Rucker Road Farm was recognized in the award, which was delivered by letter. The letter was distributed to the mayor, city council and city administrators.

c. America Recycles Day

Messages have been sent out through Facebook as well as a recycling video from Republic. Other details are covered including cleaning items that go into the recycling bins.

d. Future Programs

The next Shredding and Electronics recycling event is scheduled for April 10, 2021. The programs committee needs to meet to plan future programs. Virtual workshops may be the best option for the near future.

Plogging-jogging and picking up trash as you run. A dog walking event might be a good way to communicate about the dangers of pet waste.

Alpharetta's Wild Side can be promoted in a variety of ways. The commission needs to plan future events

e. Arbor Day

The commission would like to celebrate Arbor Day by replacing trees that have died around the city including a memorial tree for former commission member Jon McPhail and other trees that have been planted by the commission. Deb Zemlock will look for appropriate trees. Commission members are encouraged to share names of other trees that would be fitting replacements.

f. Bring One for the Chipper

This will be held at the Home Depot parking lot on the second Saturday in January. It may be difficult to social distance at this event. A plan will be created with a new traffic pattern to allow for better social distancing and traffic control.

V. December Meeting Date

The next meeting of the commission will be December 15, 2020 via Zoom.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.