



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION FEBRUARY 16, 2021

Zoom
Terry Porter is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom
meeting.

Topic: NRC January Meeting
Time: Feb 16, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and
Canada)

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7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2021 MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. January Minutes**
- IV. ARBORIST REPORT**
 - a. Arbor Day date and plans**
 - b.**
- V. KEEP ALPHARETTA BEAUTIFUL / ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS REPORT**
 - a. 2021 Public Offerings**
 - b. Spring Programs**
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS**
- VII. MARCH 2021 MEETING DATE**
- VIII. ADJOURN**

Natural Resources Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2021

I. Call to Order

A Zoom meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held on January 19, 2021. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (chair), Kate Tunison, Sandra Kinney, Ben Manley, Geri Chapple, Dan Mitnick, Terry Porter (staff) and David Shostak (staff).

II. Approval of November 2020 Meeting Minutes

Dan Mitnick moved to accept the November minutes. Kate seconded the motion. The November 2020 minutes were approved.

III. Arborist Report

Tree removal permits have been opened for Sehan Church on Kimball Bridge Road for a parking lot expansion.

Evans Contracting Headquarters has asked for a permit at Northwinds, south of Avalon.

Sandra Kinney asked about trees in the parks. Parks and Recreation has an arborist that works reactively but not proactively due to other commitments.

Kate Tunison asked about a tree in Brooke Street Park. David Shostak followed up but isn't sure the tree is dead. He'll look again in the spring.

Dan Mitnick is looking for streambank restoration grants in Academy Park. David will check on that.

Arbor Day

Deb Zemlock investigated replacing trees to celebrate Arbor Day. Site One Landscaping will be consulted for reasonably priced replacements.

David Shostak offered advice on replacements and groupings.

Kate Tunison asked about planting saplings but isn't able to find the particular area on the Greenway.

The tree(s) that needs to be replanted must be a native, wetland tree. Deb Zemlock would recommend 5- or 7-gallon trees.

David Shostak would recommend a more substantial planting that includes live-stake trees.

Deb Zemlock invited Kate Tunison to walk the Greenway to look for ideal locations for planting trees.

Sweetbay Magnolia trees are being considered for planting. There is some debate about what will thrive at the Greenway spot. David Shostak recommended Alder.

Ben Manley suggested that Russell Manley's Cub Scout troop may be willing to help. Will February 20, 2021, work for the troop? If not, the commission will consider an alternative date.

The commission will need to write a proclamation to be read at the City Council meeting. A date must be chosen first.

IV. Keep Alpharetta Beautiful/Environmental Programs

a. Programs

Bring One for the Chipper was held at The Home Depot on January 9, 2021. The Young Men's Service League and Alpharetta Rotary assisted. Dan Mitnick, Geri Chapple and Ben Manley were there. A representative from the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation was also in attendance. There was low participation from citizens this year.

b. Calendar Listings of Programs

-Planned recycling programs remain intact.

-For the gardening series, master gardeners will offer live Zoom meetings. Some Sundays and evenings (mid-week) will be available. This provides the possibility of Q&As.

-Podcasts are still an option to reach people during the pandemic.

c. Future Programs

-The Programs Committee should meet in the next few weeks for future planning.

-Some classes are filling up, including the lavender class. Deb Zemlock believes new offerings are of particular interest to the City residents.

V. February Meeting Date

The next meeting of the commission will be February 16, 2021, via Zoom.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Public meeting January 19, 2021

Environmental Programs Coordinator Report – Terry Porter

Programs Offered

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2/7/21	Growing Lavender Live Zoom Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QZyVKLqvRe61oLNYtQUA3w	2:00pm
2/10/21	Right Tree, Right Place! Live Zoom Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NXFc8fH6R7K-6xuCnTiGjg	7:00pm
2/12/21- 2/15/21	Great Backyard Bird Count	

Spring Programs

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2/21/21	Hosta – A Perfect Addition to Your Shade Garden Live Zoom Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KcqclZ0zTQ2AJTcll6e3lg	2:00pm
3/2/21	Lawn Care for Spring and Summer in Atlanta Live Zoom Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BTaCKKHSHmv35tf8h9d0A	2:00pm
3/7/21	Big Trees of Sandy Springs Live Zoom	2:00pm

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3/14/21

Establishing and Growing Perennials

2:00pm

Live Zoom

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