



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION APRIL 20, 2021

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7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - a. March 2021 Minutes
- IV. ARBORIST REPORT
 - a. Heritage Trees of Alpharetta Project
- V. KEEP ALPHARETTA BEAUTIFUL / ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS
 - a. 2021 Public Offerings
 1. Spring Programs
 - Rain Barrel Workshop
 - HHW & Paint Recycle 5/22/21
 2. Alpharetta's Wild Side Recertification
 3. Keep America/Alpharetta Beautiful initiatives
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS
- VII. MAY 2021 MEETING DATE
- VIII. ADJOURN

Natural Resources Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2021

I. Call to Order

A Zoom meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held on March 16, 2021. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (chair), Kate Tunison, Ben Manley, Geri Chapple, Dan Mitnick, Terry Porter (staff) and David Shostak (staff).

II. Approval of February 2021 Meeting Minutes

Dan Mitnick moved to accept the February 2021 minutes. Kate Tunison seconded the motion. The February 2021 minutes were approved.

III. Arborist Report

- Heritage Tree Program: Trees in the city would be included in an online GIS system (map) with information about large, important and unique trees in Alpharetta. Other trees in the city would also be highlighted. David has been contacted by an interested party who would like to help with the project.

Arbor Day

- Deb Zemlock said the Arbor Day event, held on March 6, 2021, was a success. Webelos Troop 1429 from the Alpharetta Presbyterian Church helped plant two trees along the Greenway on Marconi Road.
- The local Appen paper printed a photo of the event on the front page of the paper. However, the Appen paper gave the event light coverage. Deb Zemlock wrote an article to address native plants and proper tree planting. The article was not in the local paper. Deb Zemlock will ask the city to share the article. Kate Tunison offered to edit the article.
- Terry Porter also participated in an Arbor Day activity with a local Daisy Scout troop. The group (seven girls and seven moms) planted a Cherokee Princess Dogwood tree. Fifteen native perennials that should attract butterflies were also planted. The girls enjoyed the activity. All of the birdhouses at this site currently have nesting birds.

IV. Keep Alpharetta Beautiful/Environmental Programs

a. Programs

- The Electronics and Shredding Event is scheduled April 10, 2021. The event will take place at Engineering and Public Works. Terry Porter asked for volunteers for gate check-in. Geri Chapple, Dan Mitnick and Deb Zemlock expressed interest in volunteering.
- A rain barrel workshop has been added to the programs schedule. Dan Mitnick and Deb Zemlock are interested in helping with that event. The workshop is on April 22 with barrel pickup on April 24, 2021.
- A Household Hazardous Waste collection is set for May 22, 2021.
- The Programs Committee met last month. Discussion centered on refreshing the website, Alpharetta's Wild Side and promoting plants that attract pollinators.
- Geri Chapple asked about creating an event that would appeal to the NRC's Wild Side Meetup group. The group discussed a virtual tour of a pollinator garden, a sip and stroll, etc. Deb was unsure if there would be much interest. Geri Chapple will write a communication to send the Meetup group about gaining certification. Terry Porter will check to see if the Rucker Road farm is certified.
- Recycle Right conference is on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Deb Zemlock will attend. Dan Mitnick is interested in attending.
- Deb Zemlock would like to meet with Kate Tunison and Dan Mitnick to discuss meeting at the Farmer's Market to encourage Wild Side certification. Kate Tunison suggested that a mention should be made by James Drinkard in his newsletter. Ben Manley suggested involving Alpharetta residents at a bird supply store or a garden supply store. The group discussed entering participants in a prize drawing. Bird baths, etc., were mentioned as possible prizes. The group will look at the budget once the Arbor Day expenses are processed.

V. April Meeting Date

The next meeting of the commission will be April 20, 2021, via Zoom.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Environmental Programs Report
NRC Meeting
April 20, 2021**

Spring Programs

Completed since last meeting

4/10/21 Community Shredding and Recycling Collection

4/10/21 Computer and Electronics Recycling Collection

Upcoming Programs

4/22/21 Rain Barrel Workshop 7:00pm – 8:00pm Zoom workshop

4/24/21 Rain barrel pickup 9:00am – 10:00am Rock Mill Park

5/22/21 Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Collection 9:00am – 1:00pm

City of Alpharetta Latex Paint Recycling Collection

The Alpharetta Latex Paint Recycling Collection has not yet reopened. When available, the form to register can be found here

<https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/finance/services/trash-and-recycling/hazardous-waste>

Gardening Workshop Series with the North Fulton Master Gardeners

The spring lecture series is completed