



## NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION NOVEMBER 15, 2016

Alpharetta City Hall  
Executive Conference Room - 121  
2 Park Plaza  
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- a. October Minutes**

- IV. STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Arborist Report**

- Tree Ordinance Revisions Update and Timetable

- b. Environmental Programs**

- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Programs**

- NWF Wildlife Habitat Certification Update  
- Fall Events/Programs

- Litter / Adopt-A-Mile Program

- Arbor Day 2017

- b. Communications**

- VI. DECEMBER MEETING DATE**

- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

# **Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2016**

### **Call to Order**

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held at City Hall on October 18, 2016. Attendees included Deb Zemlock (Chair), Howard Salk, Geri Chapple, Ben Manley, Sandra Johnson, Cat Fisher and Barney Crooks. Staff Present: David Shostak Staff Absent: Terry Porter. Guest: Kate Tunison.

Barney Crooks announced his resignation due to relocation. We are grateful for his valuable contributions to the Commission, and will miss his wisdom and unique perspective on environmental issues.

### **Approval of Minutes**

September Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as changed to reflect correct date.

### **Staff Reports**

1. Arborist Report - David Shostak presented the current proposed changes to the Tree Ordinance. Changes would include the establishment of a Registered Vendor Program which provides a City-sponsored course to allow companies to cut trees prior to receiving an official Tree Cutting Permit from the Arborist. Another proposed change would be that dead trees will no longer need to be permitted for removal. Both the Planning Commission and the Council will review and vote on these proposed changes in November. NRC requested that an annual review be held to assess the impact of these changes, if implemented. Seventy nine tree cutting permits were issued in the past month out of 105 submitted.
2. Environmental Programs (Terry Porter)
  - Completed Events:
    - Septic Tank Workshop
    - Audubon Birding Walk and Talk
    - Shade Gardening Workshop
    - Composting Workshop
    - Rivers Alive Clean-up
  - Upcoming Programs:
    - October 19 – 'Best Time to Plant Trees and Shrubs' Workshop
    - October 22 – Electronic Recycling and Sensitive Document Shredding
    - October 26 – 'Planting Fall Bulbs' Workshop
    - November 5 – Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Recycling
    - November 12 – 'How to Photograph Plants and Wildlife' Workshop by Terry Guthrie

Members of NRC will participate in and support in many of these events.

## Committee Reports

### **Alpharetta's Wild Side Update:**

- Progress towards attaining the NWF Community Wildlife Habitat Certification is as follows: 263 total points have been achieved to date, which includes 167 residential yard certifications, 9 schools and 17 other properties.
- Howard and Deb had a booth at Lowes Home Improvement store on Hwy. 9 North to share information about AWS. A suggestion was made to send an email to all who attended the Rivers Alive and Audubon events with an invitation to certify their yards.
- Kate Tunison will ask to have information about AWS in subdivision newsletters in her locale.
- Upcoming Events: Nov 12 - Nature Photography Workshop with Terry Guthrie at City Hall

### **Arbor Day 2017:**

Cat suggested an alternate format for Arbor Day. Rather than just have a one day event we could have a series of events that would relate to trees and tree planting, and engage different age groups and interests in the community. This will be further explored.

### **Communications:**

Geri suggested we look for improved locations for future presentation/workshops; as well as, seek additional communications help and methods.

## Next Meeting

Tuesday November 15, 2016 at City Hall

## Meeting Adjourned

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission:

<http://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/public-works/natural-resources-commission>

Alpharetta's Wild Side

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## **Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission**

**Public meeting November 15, 2016**

Environmental Programs Coordinator report – Terry Porter

### **Past Programs:**

|             |                                                                                                         |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October 19  | Fall in Georgia – the Best Time to Plant Trees and Shrubs                                               |
| October 22  | Community Shredding Event                                                                               |
| October 22  | Computer and Electronics Recycling Collection                                                           |
| October 26  | Planting Fall Bulbs                                                                                     |
| November 5  | Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Collection                                                          |
| November 9  | Growing Fruit in Georgia                                                                                |
| November 12 | Workshop with award winning nature photographer, Terry Guthrie on How to photograph plants and wildlife |

### **Upcoming Programs:**

This concludes our public programs for this fall. Bring One for the Chipper Christmas tree recycling will be on January 7<sup>th</sup>.