

Natural Resources Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2021

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held on July 20, 2021. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (chair), Kate Tunison, Beth Ott, Geri Chapple, Dan Mitnick, Sandra Kinney and Terry Porter (staff).

II. Approval of June 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

III. Arborist Report

Arborist David Shostak was not in attendance. An article on crepe myrtle trimming will be shared with the commission. Geri Chapple will discuss further distribution of the article in the fall with David Shostak.

A second article on Alpharetta's Wild Side will be written to encourage certification.

IV. Keep Alpharetta Beautiful/Environmental Programs

A. Litter Survey

Dan Mitnick and Terry Porter have completed sections of the Keep America Litter Index Outreach survey. Commission members are encouraged to notify Terry Porter of zones in the city that may have litter. Volunteers from Alpharetta High School would also like to help with litter pick-up. That group will likely participate in Rivers Alive in the fall. The city is using social media to call attention to litter problems with PPE.

B. Recycling Education

Terry Porter has information that can be posted weekly. Short videos can be posted for public information on the commission's Facebook page.

C. Rivers Alive

Terry Porter explained the program and explained that plantings for that event usually don't thrive. A November date for the event might offer cooler weather. Terry Porter offered options the commission may want to embrace to make people aware of water

quality protection. Deb Zemlock mentioned that the Clean Water Act will turn 49-years-old in October. The commission was in favor of celebrating Rivers Alive in mid-October. The commission was also in favor of distributing dog waste bags in the local parks.

D. Sustainability Website Language

The commission was asked to review text for a sustainability page on the city website. Comments should be sent to Terry. Those comments will be forwarded to Cathy Cook.

V. Communications

The commission discussed creating a new Facebook page. The current NRC page is locked to all administrators except David Shostak. Important content needs to be shared, however, with the current page locked, another solution must be found. Terry Porter will follow-up.

VI. NRC Leadership

Deb Zemlock led a discussion about the structure of the commission going forward. The commission members discussed the possibility of rotating the chairmanship every meeting. Kate Tunison nominated Ben Manley to chair the August meeting. Ben Manley accepted. Sandra Kinney volunteered to chair the September meeting.

VII. August Meeting Date

The next meeting of the commission will be August 17, 2021, at Alpharetta City Hall. Kate Tunison proposed meeting at 6:30 pm in the future. Deb Zemlock suggested that the commission meet at 7 pm in August and discuss a meeting time change at that meeting.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.