

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission Meeting Minutes - 11/16/21

Meeting Chaired by Geri Chapple. Notes taken by Kate Tunison

Call to Order

A meeting of the Alpharetta NRC was held 11/16/21 at City Hall. Attendees included Geri Chapple (interim chair), Dan Mitnick, Ben Manley, Beth Orr, Kate Tunison, Mayor Jim Gilvin, Arata Watanabe.

Staff present: David Shostak, Terry Porter

October minutes were approved.

Arborist Report: Conversations have been held with Fulton County regarding problems with trees. Looking for tree recommendations with less invasive root systems. Discussions have been held regarding new developments and how many trees and shrubs will be allowed on each lot. Developers must remove invasive species. Discussions have been held regarding various properties in and around Haynes Bridge about whether they can be developed.

Environmental: Rivers Alive event in October had 54 participants. A septic tank workshop, shredding event have been held and the Household Hazardous/Paint event had approximately 450 attendees. Mayor Gilvin reported that the vendor used for previous Household Hazardous Paint event did not properly dispose of the materials which caused a lawsuit with the EPA. City of Alpharetta settled for \$24,000 although Alpharetta was blameless. This may have an affect on whether we go forward with this program in the future. Alpharetta wants to continue but monitoring the liability surrounding it is necessary.

On 1/7/22 the "Bring One for the Chipper" event will be held. Rotary and YMSL often participate. NRC volunteers will be needed.

Arbor Day 2022 – ideas are needed for this event with the suggestion it be kept simple. One idea involved sprucing up an area which could then be maintained by another entity. Middle school and High school students could set up exhibits for Arbor Day. David Shostak will investigate this, and Geri Chapple will contact the Chamber of Commerce for suggestions.

Geri Chapple asked for recommendations for events where can use the involvement of the Meet Up group. One idea was to have a Sip n Stroll where exhibits could be displayed with NRC staffing it.

Small parks within the city were discussed with Mayor Gilvin encouraging the NRC to get involved with the design and planning. Waters Rd Park, Union Hill Park and Farmhouse Park are all part of these future projects. It was suggested the NRC look at the Windward Park and see if we can make an impact.

The NRC Facebook page still does not work, and it is a password issue. A suggestion was made to start over with creating a new page.

Programs Committee meeting in December 2021 involving Dan Mitnick, Kate Tunison, Terri Porter and David Shostak.

December virtual meeting was set for 12/21/21 at 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned