



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

APRIL 19, 2022

City Hall
2 Park Plaza
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- III. APPROVAL OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. March Meeting Minutes**
- IV. ARBORIST REPORT**
- V. REPORTS**
 - a. Communications**
 - b. Programs Committee**
 - The Great American Camp Out
 - Pet Waste Awareness
- VI. KEEP ALPHARETTA BEAUTIFUL / ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS**
- VII. NEXT MEETING DATE**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Natural Resources Commission Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2022

7:00pm – Meeting

Alpharetta City Hall

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order @7:05 pm.

II. Roll Call and announcements

- a. Present were: Clay Jones; Geri Chapple; Kate Tunison; Ben Manley; Sandra Kinney; Dan Mitnick; David Shostak; Terry Porter; Beth Ott; and Eric Graves.
- b. Ben was sworn in by Mike Stacey.

III. Approval of February 2022 Meeting Minutes

- a. Change last month's notes to show Innovation Academy, not Independent High School. With this change the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

IV. Reports

- a. Communications
 - i. Discussion about how to get the messages out to reach more people. Geri suggested the possibility of using next door and better access to the NRC Facebook page. The NRC webpage need to be updated, Terry asked for suggestions to add in addition to updating the current list of Natural Resources Commissioners and information.
- b. Beth Ott appointment
 - i. Beth has lost her position on the Commission as her appointing City Council member, Karen Richard was replaced by Councilman Doug DeRito who appointed Clay Jones to the seat Beth held. Beth is attempting to get appointed to an open alternate seat at the City Council meeting to be held on 3/21/22.
- c. Geri suggested posting information about "What to do if..." through James Drinkard's social media. Discussion ensued regarding possible topics; what to do if you see a bear, find a fawn without a doe present...etc.
- d. Terry had printed about some cards featuring the NRC. The question was raised about printing many more and the cost.
- e. Sandra said many of her neighbors are cutting down trees indiscriminately. David says if proven they can be fined. The city has aerial photos of the entire city which can be used as evidence of the former existence of the trees.
- f. It was further suggested that we post information about the NRC through Next Door. James Drinkard of the City has contacts there.

V. Arborist Report

- a. David Shostak gave an update on development projects.

- b. Saturday 3/19/22 at 10:30 am we will plant a tree for Arbor Day behind City Hall, memorializing the passing of Liz Kidd, the mother of one of the scouts. The Mayor read the Arbor Day proclamation at the last City Council meeting, so it's not really necessary for us to read it again. Eric Milly will have the hole for the tree pre dug for us.
- c. David also encouraged the commission to send pertinent messages for social media to James. He also suggested that educating residents about maintaining and replanting of stream buffers can help protect water quality and lessen flooding in some circumstances.

VI. Keep Alpharetta Beautiful / Environmental Report

- a. Our community electronics recycling and sensitive document shredding collection are scheduled for Saturday, April 9th from 8:30-Noon at Alpharetta Public Works. Help is needed for participant check in at the gate. It was suggested that we give out NRC information at the event. We are to advise Terry of when we can attend, so that she can schedule.
- a. Discussion about NRC presence at the Alpharetta Farmers Market. Terry suggested that we determine theme and items we want to include. We need suggested dates to request space in the market.
- b. The Great American Camp Out (GAC) is year around now but is highlighted during the month of June. Ideas of how to promote this were discussed. The farmers market is one way suggested to promote the GAC. The commission wants to find a way to involve area outfitters in this effort. Add this to the next programs meeting. Terry mentions that Alpharetta is a Natural Habitat Community and this effort fits with recertification (Alpharetta's Wild Side)
- c. The Programs Committee will meet before the next NRC meeting which will be on April 19, 7:00pm.

VII. April Meeting Date

- a. The next meeting will be 4/19/22 @7P.M. at City Hall

VIII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.