



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION JANUARY 17, 2017

Alpharetta City Hall
Council Chambers
2 Park Plaza
7:00 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. **December Minutes**
- IV. **STAFF REPORTS**
 - a. **Arborist**
 - b. **Environmental Programs**
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. **Programs**
 - b. **Communications**
 - c. **Sign Pollution**
- VI. **NEXT MEETING DATE**
- VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2016

Call to Order

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held at City Hall on December 20, 2016. Attendees included Deb Zemlock (Chair), Howard Salk, Geri Chapple, Ben Manley, Sandra Johnson, and Kate Tunison. Absent: Cat Fisher. Staff Present: David Shostak, Terry Porter.

Approval of Minutes

November Meeting Minutes were approved, with corrections.

Staff Reports

1. Arborist Report - David Shostak reported that the proposed changes to the Tree Ordinance have been placed on 'hold' by the Council, pending further review. submitted.
2. Environmental Programs (Terry Porter)
 - Upcoming Programs
 - First event of 2017 will be 'Bring one for the Chipper' on Jan. 7. Volunteers will include YMSL, Rotary and NRC. Tree seedlings and seed packets will be handed out.
 - Terry requested ideas for seminars/workshops for 2017. Geri would like to see us have regular activities to offer the Meet-up group. Ideas could include another presentation by Joe Lamp'l, Jerry Hightower, or someone from the GA Forestry Commission or a local land trust. Neighborhood clean-ups could be promoted between March 1 – May 30th.

Committee Reports

Alpharetta's Wild Side Update:

- Howard asked the Mayor for support in helping us reach our certification goal. Mayor Belle Isle indicated he would like to involve developers of new residential projects in the City.
- **Arbor Day 2017:**
The Arbor Day committee will meet separately to update the plan.
- **Communications:**
Geri and Cat are pursuing a Next Door account for the NRC.

Next Meeting

Tuesday January 17, 2017 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 <http://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/public-works/natural-resources-commission/alpharettas-wild-side>

Arborist Report

Updates to the Tree Conservation, Landscape, and Buffer Requirements still pending. Staff was requested to put together a first draft of the Guidance Document. A hard copy of the draft to date will be provided at the January NRC meeting.

Discuss Will Park Stream Restoration Project

Discuss Protecting and Restoring Urban Tree Canopy for Stormwater Management Grant Opportunity. Hard copies of Grant information will be brought to meeting or emailed prior.

Tree City USA and Growth Award application has been filed and awaiting confirmation of status.

December 2016

Tree Permit Applications submitted: 35

Tree Permits Issued: 35

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Public meeting January 17, 2016

Environmental Programs Coordinator Report – Terry Porter

January Programs:

January 7, 2017 Bring One for the Chipper Christmas tree Recycling Collection
This event results in the collection, mulching and distribution of the mulch for recycling of Christmas trees. Traditionally, our volunteers staff the collection site on at least one day. Icy road conditions prevented staffing of our site on January 7th. Home Depot and Davey Tree agreed to an extension of tree drop-offs until January 7th because so much of the metro area was affected by the storm. The trees will still be chipped and much is still available. Donated seed and tree sapling are also still available.

Upcoming Programs:

The spring offerings schedule has not been established yet. It will be similar to past years including a variety of recycling opportunities, workshops and cleanups.