



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM #121
2 PARK PLAZA
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- III. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. August Meeting Minutes
- IV. ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS REPORT**
 - a. Environmental Programs Report
- V. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION - James Drinkard Facilitating**
- VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Natural Resources Commission Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2022

7:00pm – Alpharetta City Hall

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Roll Call and announcements

- a. Present were Clay Jones, Geri Chapple, Kate Tunison, Ben Manley, Beth Ott, Dan Mitnick; Clifford Martin, David Shostak, Terry Porter, Arata Watanabe, Mitchell Kamm, and special guest, James Drinkard.

I. June 2022 Meeting Minutes

- a. June meeting minutes were approved as written. We did not have a July meeting.

II. Orientation – Who we are & What we do

- a. James spoke about the City Charter of the NRC, its mission and scope. He advised the NRC evolved from the Tree Commission to include the Keep America Beautiful Programs. Part of our mission is to preserve trees and the City's natural resources. We are also to make recommendations to the City Council. In addition, our mission is to educate and lead the community to improve, conserve, protect and beautify Alpharetta's Natural Resources.
- b. Terry suggests that as we move forward, we need strategic planning for what we will do, having measurable goals, and to see if we meet those goals. We should look to outreach options and how to create a work plan. We should join with others who are environmentally focused and interested in making a difference in the community. Our scope and mission are approved by the City Council. The last time a strategic plan was put together for the NRC was in 2011. James suggested presenting the work plan we develop to the City Council.
- c. The two main purposes of the NRC are to uphold the Tree City USA Certification and to support the affiliation of Keep Alpharetta Beautiful. Alpharetta's Wild Side is also a program of the Commission. The NRC spent three years to obtain certification for Alpharetta as a National Wildlife Habitat Community.
- d. David Shostak is the City Arborist. Alpharetta is fortunate to also have two additional certified Arborist who carry out various functions. David explained the four requirements to uphold the Tree City USA Certification. These include having: 1) A Tree Board; 2) Tree ordinances; 3) Annual Budget of at least \$2 per capita; and 4) an annual Arbor day observance.
- e. Several ideas for education and outreach were discussed. We can do a better job of telling our story and getting pertinent information out to the community. Geri suggested we develop a bird sanctuary at a City wetland site that is part of a development project. Additional avenues of outreach were discussed including social media, the leisure guide, the

- City website, projects involving students etc. There may also be a possibility to develop educational signage along the Alpha Loop. Another option to involve students might be a video contest focused on select current environmental issues.
- f. Our next focus is to develop a strategic plan for the NRC. If we have a meeting of 4 or more NRC members, we must advertise said meeting at least 24 hours in advance.
 - g. Alpharetta's Wild Side, story of what we have done for AWS and post in things in the Leisure Guide and social media.
 - h. There was a discussion on Alpharetta's glass recycling efforts for residents.
 - i. James suggested looking into educational signage in public spaces, possibly even the Alpha loop.
 - j. A good project for kids to do is a video of storm water and drainage issues. David says if Beaver are destroying trees to stop them spread Crisco and cyan pepper about 3 feet up from the bottom of the tree.
 - k. We need to email Terry times and dates for a Retreat.

III. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 pm on 9/20/22 at City Hall.

VI 9:10pm meeting adjourned.

Environmental Programs
August 20, 2022

Upcoming Programs

- 9/21/2022 Septic Tank Workshop for Homeowners**
Live Zoom: Please register to attend by completing this form: <https://forms.gle/gee1TU2wq2EZlPEp6>
- 10/1/2022 Community Shredding and Recycling Collection**
Alpharetta Public Works Department
1790 Hembree Road, Alpharetta, Ga., 30009
(Strict 5-box limit- copy paper sized box)
Registration is not required
- 10/1/2022 Computer and Electronics Recycling Collection**
Alpharetta Public Works Department
1790 Hembree Road, Alpharetta, Ga., 30009
See City of Alpharetta website in September for a list of acceptable items and any applicable charges
- 10/22/2022 Rivers Alive Volunteer Cleanup**
Help with our Volunteer Watershed Cleanup to protect our streams!
Pre-register – tporter@alpharetta.ga.us or call 678-297-6213
- 11/12/2022 Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Collection**
For residents living in Alpharetta City Limits. Registration is required.
See City of Alpharetta website in October for more information and to register,
Go to <http://www.alpharetta.ga.us/about/news>.
For more information email tporter@alpharetta.ga.us or call 678-297-6213
- 11/19/2022 Get Outdoors Event for Take A Hike Week**
Preston Ridge Community Center by the YMCA
3655 Preston Ridge Road Suite 100
Alpharetta, GA 30005

City of Alpharetta Latex Paint Recycling Collection

The Alpharetta Latex Paint Recycling Collection is available for residents living within the Alpharetta city limits. The form to register can be found here
<https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/finance/services/trash-and-recycling/hazardous-waste>

Paint that has been completely dried in the container may also be disposed curbside by arranging a Bulky Waste Pickup. Instructions and form can be found here

<https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/finance/services/trash-and-recycling/bulky-waste>

Gardening Workshop Series with the North Fulton Master Gardeners

Alpharetta has hosted classes in partnership with and taught by the North Fulton Master Gardeners for many years.

The North Fulton Master Gardeners Fall 2022 Gardening Lecture Series includes the following:

9/11/2022 All About Roses

Live Zoom: 3:00 pm

Roses have long inspired countless poets, writers and artists with their elegant blooms and divine fragrance. They are some of the most beautiful and versatile garden plants and there's a rose for every garden. Join North Fulton Master Gardener Anila Nair to learn about the various types of roses and how to get the best out of them.

9/18/2022 Make Thyme for Herbs in Your Garden

Live Zoom: 2:00 pm

Do you want to learn how to grow an awesome herb garden? Whether for food, medicine, seasonings or pleasant fragrances, North Fulton Master Gardener Robin Pollack will guide you as to the best Fall and Spring herbs, annuals, and perennials for a Southern Garden.

10/1/2022 Fabulous Fall Fairy Gardens

Live Zoom: 3:00 pm

Learn how to create a fall fairy garden for your yard or porch. North Fulton Master Gardener Marty Thomas will demonstrate various fairy garden projects that you can do with children using a variety of materials

10/9/2022 Gardens of the North Fulton Master Gardeners: Finding Gardening Inspiration through Shared Ideas

Live Zoom: 2:00 pm

North Fulton Master Gardener Sandra Shave will showcase the gardens of four Master Gardeners, with the goal of providing gardeners with ideas and inspiration that they can bring to their own home gardens. The class provides an overview of what might be possible and elements of garden design. The class will demonstrate that gardening is as varied as your individual creativity and the fun is in the discovery, the failures, and the success.

