

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2017

Call to Order

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held at City Hall on January 17, 2017. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (Chair), Howard Salk, Cat Fisher, Kate Tunison, Ben Manley. Absent: Geri Chapple, Sandra Johnson. Staff Present: David Shostak, Terry Porter.

Approval of Minutes

December 2016 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

Staff Reports

1. Arborist Report -
 - David Shostak reported that a stream restoration project will be done on a portion of the creek in Wills Park. There may be an opportunity for some buffer planting by volunteers, post-restoration.
 - The City of Alpharetta will be looking at participating in a project which will evaluate the use of trees in the urban environment to help manage storm water.
 - Howard inquired about including a comment in the Tree Ordinance regarding the value of preserving groves of trees to allow valuable inter-root sharing of nutrients between trees.
 - A plan being developed by the City for two bike loops. The outer loop as proposed will cut through the tree save buffer along GA 400.
2. Environmental Programs (Terry Porter)
 - Christmas tree mulch is still available from Davey Tree by using an online form.
 - We have both Red Oak and Dogwood seedlings available for planting projects this spring.
 - The schedule for spring environmental programs is not yet finalized. It will be similar to past years including a variety of recycling events, workshops and clean-ups.

Committee Reports

Alpharetta's Wild Side Update:

We have both gained points and also lost points (due to expiration of certified residences from many years back). Our net count is at 271 points, with 29 to go to completion.

- **Arbor Day 2017:**

The Arbor Day committee will meet separately to update the plan. Cat is chairing this event planning.

- **Joe Lamp'I Fall Presentation:**

The presentation will be the 3rd weekend of October 2017 at his home/garden.

Next Meeting

Tuesday February 21, 2017, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 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>