

Natural Resources Commission Meeting Minutes (revised 11/15/2022)

October 18, 2022

6:30 pm – Alpharetta City Hall

I. Roll Call and announcements

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

I. September 2022 Meeting Minutes

- a. September meeting minutes were accepted.

II. Programs update

- a. 10/22/22 Rivers Alive at Rock Mill Park
- b. 11/12/22 Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Collection
- c. 11/19/22 Take a Hike Day
- d. 1/7/2023 Bring One for the Chipper, 5300 Windward Pkwy, Home Depot Parking lot.

III. Arborist Report

The Arborist, David had nothing to report except we will be getting more tree signs for Alpharetta.

IV. Strategic Planning

James Drinkard - Planning Session for Strategy and Implementation for future programs and outreach. The plan to be developed can be a tool when looking for additional community participation and funding.

This meeting focused on continued development of the plan.

Commission members will be assigned to each goal area.

- Discussion about Tree related Goal: We need data for measurement of goal success. Example, Number of tree permits is not reflective of number of trees removed. GIS may be the best tool to assess tree canopy. Our goal is to keep the tree canopy at 50% or better. We have been measuring 60%. Georgia has a good climate for growing trees and other vegetation. We have two goals for the Canopy: The City and Private property. Many of the metrics are done by staff.
- Other discussion: Placing debris or anything other than rainwater in storm drains is illegal.
- We need to get to the City Council before the end of the year with our proposals and need for consultants.
- Our budget needs must be identified.
- Contact colleges and universities for volunteers, as well as businesses.

IV The next meeting is scheduled on 11/15/22 6:30, City Hall.

VI 8:30 pm meeting adjourned.