

Natural Resource Commission Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2022
Approved on January 17, 2023

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

II. Roll Call and Announcements

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held on December 20, 2022. Attendees: Kate Tunison, Beth Ott, Geri Chapple, Ben Manley, Clay Jones, Clifford Martin, Arata Watanabe (volunteer), Mitchell Kamm (volunteer) and David Shostak and Terry Porter (staff).

III. Approval of the November 2022 Meeting Minutes

After a review of the minutes, Beth Ott asked that head of committees be referred to as co-chairs to represent co-responsibilities.

Kate Tunison moved to approve the November minutes. Clifford Martin seconded the motion. The November minutes were approved.

IV. Environmental Programs: Terry Porter gave a report on upcoming events.

Bring One for the Chipper: Alpharetta Rotary and Young Men's Service League will assist the NRC this year on Saturday, January 7, 2023, at The Home Depot parking lot on Windward Parkway. 11 Alive promotes the event. Terry will send a post for each commission member to share with their HOAs. Please notify Terry when you'll be available to attend the event.

The next shredding and electronics recycling event is scheduled for the first Saturday in May. May 6th, 8:30 to Noon at Alpharetta Public Works Department.

V. Arborist Report: David Shostak reported he began the application process for the grant that offers money for assistance with tree issues such as a canopy study, street tree inventory, etc. The city may be responsible for matching money or volunteer time.

Lauren Shapiro sent the commission a link to a site that provides NRC members with SharePoint.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

A. Wildlife Habitats/Wild Side—Clifford Martin presented ideas for community education on wildlife habitats as well as other opportunities to encounter wildlife. (See attached draft report.)

B. Recycling—Beth Ott reported that glass recycling is going very well in the city. The dumpsters are full. A recycling education effort should loop more students into the recycling efforts in the city. Beth would like her committee to follow-up with business owners to find out who is recycling. She would also like to begin recycling education for citizens. Is there a recycling center in Alpharetta's future?

C. Tree Canopy—Kate Tunison and Ben Manley-The committee will meet before the next NRC meeting.

D. Water Quality—Clay Jones, Dan Mitnick, Arta Watanabe -The group will meet with Terry Porter to learn more to formulate their plans. The following are the major creeks that run through the city: Foe Killer, Long Indian, and Big Creek. Clay Jones would like to focus on stormwater and clean waterways. Ultimately, the group will focus on public education. Arata Watanabe would like to add more storm drain markers in the city.

Geri Chapple asked committee chairs to add more details for their January report and for ideas to tie the committees into a proposed Arbor Day celebration.

VI. January Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on January 17, 2023, 6:30pm, in the training room at City Hall.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.