



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION FEBRUARY 21, 2023

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM #121
2 PARK PLAZA
6:30 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - a. Introductions
- III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. January Minutes
- IV. ARBORIST REPORT**
 - a. Arborist Report
- V. ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS REPORT**
 - a. Environmental Programs Report
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Tree Canopy and Preservation
 - Arbor Day
 - b. Recycling and Sustainability
 - c. Wildlife
 - d. Clean Waterways
- VII. NEXT MEETING DATE**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**



Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission Meeting JANUARY 17, 2023

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I. Roll Call and Announcements

- a. Meeting called to order at 1845
- b. Present were Geri Chapple, Ben Manley, Beth Ott, Dan Mitnick, Clifford Martin, Terry Porter, Kate Tunison, David Shostak, Mitchell Kamm, Lindsey Ann Burnett, and Arata Watanabe (Volunteer)
- c. Welcoming of new member Lindsey Ann Burnett, appointed by Councilmember Jason Binder
- d. Mitchell Kamm to be sworn in on Jan 23rd, 2023. Mr. Kamm will be sworn in as the second member
“at large”. At that time, the commission will be full.

II. December 2022 Meeting Minutes

- a. Meeting minutes approved for December meeting, after correction of the correct month noted.

III. Chair and Vice Chair Positions

- a. Suggested positions explained and discussed
- b. Geri Chapple to remain as Chairman of the Commission
- c. Clifford Martin voted in as Vice Chairman of the Commission

IV. Arborist Report- David Shostak

- a. David Shostak provided an article from the AJC entitled “Alpharetta recommends specific streets for tree conservation” showing the recently approved changes to the Unified Development Code related to tree preservation in the downtown area.
- b. David provided a pdf article showing the new code section of tree removal specifics
- c. David informed the committee of three ongoing projects. These projects include one at Northpoint and Kimball bridge road, one on Old Milton Parkway, and one on Haynes Bridge Rd. and Old Milton Parkway.

V. Environmental Programs- Terry Porter

- a. Terry provided a summary of the January Bring One For the Chipper event. Feedback included a suggestion of more signage for cars and the direction for them to travel in, as well as additional knives to cut the bound trees. Clarity of

collecting Christmas lights at this event was also discussed and left to be determined.

- b. May 6th will be the date for the Document Shredding and Electronics Recycling Collection.

VI. Tree Canopy and Preservation- Kate Tunison and Ben Manley

- a. Arbor Day will be March 4th at 10am. A Serviceberry tree will be planted. The cost is approximately \$225-250. We will also provide a plaque for the tree. The cost for this plaque is still to be determined. Two additional Serviceberry trees will be provided from the city. These trees will be planted at Wills Park by the Community Garden. At the event the commission would like to pass out the dog waste bags they currently have. An invitation is needed to be drafted, to invite the Mayor and Councilmembers of the City.
- b. Ben Manley brought to the commissions attention the desire to pursue the Growth Award Recognition for the city as well.

VII. Recycling and Sustainability– Beth Ott

- a. Handout provided explaining one- and three-year goals, strategies, and tactics to reach goals. Handout also provides recycling education, annual programs already in place, and possible programs to add or rekindle. Handout to be uploaded to NRC SharePoint site.
- b. Discussion was held about current glass collections sites. There is no known contamination as of today. Suggestion made on joining with John's Creeks glass recycling efforts, as well as ongoing education to the community.

VIII. Clean Waterways- Dan Mitnick

- a. Continued efforts to prevent animal waste and contaminants in the water.
- b. Next week will have a meeting to gather more baseline data to continue efforts in this matter.

IX. Wildlife and Habitat- Clifford Martin

- a. Handout provided outlining the major programs recommended by the Wildlife and Habitat Sub Committee. These include
 - i. Alpharetta Wild Side
 - ii. Bird Walks
 - iii. Natural Resources Photography Contest
 - 1. It is noted Clifford asked other subcommittees to define photos desired in the contest
 - iv. Community Education
- b. Handout uploaded to NRC SharePoint site

X. Action Items

- a. Geri encouraged everyone to come to the next meeting with two things for their subcommittees
 - i. A budget- how much money does your subcommittee need?

- ii. A calendar- when do you want to do the proposed events for each subcommittee?

XI. Meeting Time

- a. Vote taken that NRC meetings begin promptly at 1830 and only last 90 mins moving forward. Subcommittee reports to be limited in time to fit accordingly. Vote approved unanimously.

XII. The next NRC meeting to be held February 21st at 1830.

Meeting adjourned at 2100

Environmental Programs Report
February 21, 2023, NRC Meeting
Terry Porter

Public Offerings
Winter and Spring Programs

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| 1/7/2023 | Bring One for the Chipper Christmas Tree Recycling Collection
5300 Windward Pkwy parking lot | 8:30am – 3:00pm |
| 2/28/2023 | Septic Tank Workshop for Homeowners
Live Zoom: Please register to attend by completing this form: https://forms.gle/nTqdi99gYJL4bURx6 | 6:00pm – 7:00pm |
| 3/4/2023 | Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Planting
Wills Park Grove beside the Alpharetta Community Garden | 10:00am |
| 3/5/2023 | Walk in the Woods with Spring Wildflowers – Observing the Beauty of Nature
Live Zoom: Sunday, 2:00 pm
Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_376enl9_RBSngp5gr1hkgA | |
| 3/12/2023 | Growing Figs at Home: An Introduction to Growing Figs in the Southeast for the Home Gardener
Live Zoom: Sunday, 2:00 pm
Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_376enl9_RBSngp5gr1hkgA | |
| 3/19/2023 | Insect Allies: Predators and Parasitoids in the Garden
Live Zoom: Sunday, 2:00 pm
Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_376enl9_RBSngp5gr1hkgA | |
| 3/25/2023 | Water Drop Dash 5K and Fun Run – Fix-A-Leak Week
Register for the race at
https://runsignup.com/Race/GA/Roswell/WaterDropDash5KandKidsFunRun | |
| 3/26/2023 | Ferns of the Southeast
Live Zoom: Sunday, 2:00 pm
Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_376enl9_RBSngp5gr1hkgA | |
| 4/2/2023 | Annual and Perennial Plants for Water Gardens
Live Zoom: Sunday, 2:00 pm
Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_376enl9_RBSngp5gr1hkgA | |

5/6/2023	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.	8:30am - Noon
5/6/2023	Computer and Electronics Recycling Collection Alpharetta Public Works Department 1790 Hembree Road, Alpharetta, Ga., 30009 See City of Alpharetta website in April for a list of acceptable items and any applicable charges	8:30am - Noon
TBD	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 - http://www.alpharetta.ga.us/about/news . For more information email tporter@alpharetta.ga.us or call 678-297-6213	
TBD	Wildlife Photo Contest	