



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

MARCH 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 of new and current commission members
- III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. February Meeting Minutes
- IV. ARBORIST REPORT**
- V. ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS REPORT**
 - a. Environmental Programs Report
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Tree Canopy and Preservation
 - Recap of Arbor Day
 - b. Recycling and Sustainability
 - c. Clean Waterways
 - d. Wildlife
- VII. BUDGET BRAINSTORMING SESSION**
- VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE - APRIL 18, 2023**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT**



Alpharetta Natural Resources
Commission Meeting
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I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Meeting began at 1835 on Feb 21st, 2023, at City Hall in the executive conference room #121

II. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Introductions
- b. Present were Arata Watanabe, David Shostak, Clifford Martin, Dan Mitnick, Terry Porter, Clay Jones, Geri Chapple, Kate Tunison, Ben Manley, Beth Ott, Lindsey Ann Burnett
- c. Dana Davis to be appointed as Jason Binder's alternate appointee on February 27th. Mitchell Kamm will not be appointed at this time but will hopefully continue to volunteer.

III. ARBORIST REPORT by David Shostak

- a. National Arbor Day Foundation contacted about two events.
 - i. Tree Giveaway Fall 2023 Event
 - 1. The budget is \$13,700.
 - 2. Need to figure out location.
 - 3. The donor is not known at this time.
 - ii. Tree Planting Fall 2023 Event
 - 1. The budget is \$18,7000
 - 2. The desire is to engage employees and volunteers to plant the trees.
 - 3. The donor is not known at this time.
 - 4. Tree Atlanta to potentially assist.
 - 5. To be determined- public vs private property location recommendations.
Email David suggestions of locations.
- b. David informed committee of ongoing projects. North Point Parkway discussed.

IV. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

- a. A motion was made to approve the January Minutes by Clifford Martin and seconded by Dan Mitnick.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS REPORT

- a. Upcoming Gardening Workshops- North Fulton Master Gardeners Zoom Meetings. Lots of topics available- septic tanks too. Link to be placed on NRC webpage. Total attendance around 4,000 people for total workshops last year.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Tree Canopy and Preservation – Kate Tunison and Ben Manley

- i. Arbor Day will be celebrated on March 4th at 10am. Invitations have been sent out to Mayor and Council. The event has been listed on My City Newsletter. Kate will be reaching out to other outlets at this time to bring awareness to event. Serviceberry Tree to be delivered. Subcommittees encouraged to attend and bring any materials to place on table at event.
- ii. The Arbor Day Proclamation is being read on Feb 27th at 1830 during the City Council meeting. This is the meeting prior to Arbor Day.

b. Recycling and Sustainability- Bett Ott

- i. Beth was able to meet with Brad Martin at Republic Services to clarify information on recycling. 10-15% of loads lost due to contamination. Needs includes how to educate public on how to properly recycle. “Wish cycler” – when in doubt put it in the recycling. Less than the half of city residences recycle currently.
 - 1. Ideas on public education discussed- Facebook, videos, Instagram, pamphlets.
- ii. Beth also met with Olivia Ammons, who is the Assistant to John’s Creek City Manager to discuss their glass recycling program.
- iii. Beth’s next projects include touring the local MRF- West Rock and reaching out to local HOAs for educational opportunities.

VII. MEETING EXTENSION MOTION

- a. Motion made and seconded by Beth Ott and Clifford for extension of meeting by 15 minutes.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

c. Wildlife – Clifford Martin

- i. Wildlife and Habitat Sub Committee handout provided.
- ii. Power point presentation to be created to explain to the public what the Wildlife subcommittee is. This presentation will be opened to all subcommittees for public education. Completion of presentation to be completed by next NRC meeting.
- iii. Alpharetta Wild Side- Developer Video. Terry Porter will help with recruitment of teachers and school clubs to help create the videos.
- iv. Bird Walks. The first bird walk of 2023 will be held on March 26th, 8-10am at the Rucker Road Farm. Georgia Audubon will be leading the event in partnership with the Recreation, Parks and Culture Department and the Natural Resources Commission.
- v. Natural Resource Photography Contest- Earth Day April 22, 2024, and use of the City Hall Community Room.
 - i. Name ideas for the official competition to be voted on at next NRC meeting. Please let Clifford know of any ideas.

d. Clean Waterways- Clay Jones and Dan Mitnick

- i. Will focus on contamination of creeks due to dog waste. Need to educate the general public on importance of picking up dog waste.

- i. Dog waste disposals at local parks. Cogburn- only one available.
- ii. Storm Water/flooding discussion held.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. The next meeting will be held on March 21st at 1830 in the Alpharetta City Hall Executive Conference Room #121

X. Adjournment

- a. Meeting Adjourned at 2024.

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

Public Offerings
Spring Programs

Past Programs

2/28/2023	Septic Tank Workshop for Homeowners	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	
3/12/2023	Growing Figs at Home: An Introduction to Growing Figs in the Southeast for the Home Gardener	
3/19/2023	Insect Allies: Predators and Parasitoids in the Garden	
3/12/2023	Atlanta Science STEM Festival at Chattahoochee Nature Center	

Upcoming Programs

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_RBSngp5grlhkgA	
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_RBSngp5grlhkgA	
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
6/10/2023	Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Collection For residents living in Alpharetta City Limits. Registration 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	

