

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2017

Call to Order

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held at City Hall on February 21, 2017. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (Chair), Howard Salk, Cat Fisher, Kate Tunison, Ben Manley, Geri Chapple. Absent: Sandra Johnson. Staff Present: David Shostak, Terry Porter.

Approval of Minutes

January 2017 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

Staff Reports

1. Arborist Report -
 - a. David Shostak reported 69 tree cutting permits were requested and 49 issued.
 - b. David has drafted a 'Guidance Document for Tree Conservation, Landscape and Buffer Requirements' which will be used in concert with the Tree Ordinance.
2. Environmental Programs (Terry Porter)
 - a. The schedule for spring environmental programs has been finalized.
 - b. A Radon Workshop was held with 10 attendees.
 - c. We are still in a Level II drought in our area.
 - d. Westside Parkway will be the location for the annual tree planting. The emphasis is to minimize turf grass in the medians.

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 261 points. Howard and David have assembled a list of new residential developments in the City that could qualify for certification as Wildlife Habitats. This list will be shared with the Mayor.

Arbor Day 2017:

Cat has developed a plan for a 3-event Arbor Day celebration:

1. on 2/26/17 is 'Connect To Nature & Your Wildside' which is Rhoopsha's presentation of her Greenway App
2. on 3/4/17 is a Ceremonial Tree Planting on the Greenway off Marconi Drive, followed by 'Ask the Arborist' at Jekyll Brewing, and
3. on 3/11/17 is a City Hall Tree Planting Service Day.

In addition to coordinating the events Cat developed a complete multi-media communication package which she is implementing.

Sign Pollution

Geri Chapple shared with the Commission her growing concern about visual pollution from the abundance of signage and its frequent state of disrepair in Alpharetta. David will provide Brett Schroeder's contact information for a follow up meeting with Code Enforcement.

Next Meeting

Tuesday March 21, 2017 at 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>