



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

APRIL 18, 2023

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- III. APPROVAL OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. March Meeting Minutes
- IV. ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS REPORT**
 - a. April Environmental Programs Report
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Clean Waterways
 - b. Recycling and Sustainability
 - c. Wildlife - Alpharetta's Wild Side
 - d. Tree Canopy and Preservation
- VI. BUDGET BRAINSTORMING SESSION**
- VII. NEXT MEETING DATE MAY 16, 2023**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**



Alpharetta Natural Resources
Commission Meeting
MARCH 21, 2023
ACTION SUMMARY

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Meeting began at 6:35pm on March 21, 2023, in the Executive Conference Room #121

II. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Introductions of new and current commission members
 1. Dana Davis the new alternate appointee introduced.
 2. Clay Jones has stepped off the commission.
 3. Present were:
Commissioners: Geri Chapple, Clifford Martin, Dan Mitnick, Lindsey Ann Burnett, Kate Tunison, Ben Manley, Beth Ott, and Dana Davis.
Staff: David Shostak and Terry Porter.
Volunteer: Arata Watanabe.

III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

- a. Beth Ott brought to attention the correction of February's meeting. The budget listed under the arborist report for the tree giveaway should be noted as \$13,700 not \$13,7000 as noted.
- b. A motion was made to approve the February Minutes with correction by Dan Mitnick and seconded by Clifford Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. ARBORIST REPORT by David Shostak

- a. The Alpharetta Roswell Herald featured an article about Arbor Day in the March 16, 2023 Appen Media Group Publication on Page 11-12. There was a good turnout at the event. Serviceberry Tree Plaque to still be created- David will follow up.
- b. Two projects still in work with National Arbor Day Foundation that were discussed last month were recapped.
 1. Donor information is still not ready to be shared at this time.
- c. David informed committee of ongoing projects.
 1. Webb Bridge Road discussed.
 2. Money allocated- up to \$175,000- by City Council at March 20, 2023 meeting to redo tree wells around the city.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS REPORT by Terry Porter

- a. Bird Walk this Sunday March 26th 2023 from 8 -10am at Old Rucker Farm Park. It will be led by Dottie Head of Georgia Audubon. Committee encouraged to attend.
- b. May 6th – Community Electronics Recycling and Sensitive Document Shredding Event
- c. June 10th- Community Household Hazard Waste and Paint Collection

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. Recap of Arbor Day
2. Unified Development Code discussed with David Shostak since last meeting
 - a. Topics included the redefinition of correct terminology, sizing of trees in codes corrected, planter strips requirement in the code, etc..
3. Budget idea- will use budget to purchase Arbor Day plaque

b. Recycling and Sustainability – Beth Ott

1. Budget idea- Fridge magnet for Recycle Right
2. Green Cell article in Alpharetta Roswell Herald March 16th, 2023, Appen Media Group Publication beginning on front page and continuing on page 18.
3. Clifford Martin recommended speaking with Finance Department about attaching insert in trash bill for education purposes or linking to electronic bills.
4. Continuing Education for the general public. Handouts shown from Republic Services. Ideas discussed about updating the city website to help further education.

c. Clean Waterways and Storm Water Runoff - Dan Mitnick

1. The functionality of trees and their importance in stormwater issues
2. Budget idea- Continue education efforts including but not limited to pesticides, lead in water, dog waste, proper disposal of medications.
3. Recruitment of volunteers
4. Discussion of CCR Report from Fulton County. Treatment process and effect on individual water bills
5. Storm water runoff effect on neighborhoods

VII. MEETING EXTENSION MOTION

- a. A motion was made to approve an extension of the meeting for an additional 15 minutes by Dan Mitnick and seconded by Clifford Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

d. Wildlife- Clifford Martin

1. Hand out Provided.
 - a. Alpharetta Wild Side – Community Education. PowerPoint Presentation for HOA's Project has been placed on hold.
 - b. Alpharetta Wild Side- Developer Video. No new updates.
 - c. Bird Walks
 1. Inclusion of Saturday and Sundays on upcoming dates. Possible dates

- a. May Sat 13, Sat 20
- b. June Sat 3, Sun 4, Sat 17
- c. Aug Sat 19, Sun 20
- d. Oct Sat 14, Sun 15, Sat 28
- d. Natural Resource Photography Contest- formal application for use of the Community Art Gallery has been submitted to Arts Center.

IX. BUDGET BRAINSTORMING SESSION

- a. Ideas included:
 - 1. A place of belonging. Idea similar to Webb Bridge Mediation Labrinth.
 - 2. Great America Camp Out
 - 3. Dog Waste Bag Holders
 - 4. Flashlights
 - 5. Budget items need to be turned in quickly. Fiscal budget ends in June 2023 and expenditures need to be complete and delivered by End of June.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE - APRIL 18, 2023

- a. The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2023, at 6:30pm in the Alpharetta City Hall Executive Conference Room #121

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- b. Meeting ended at 8:19pm

Environmental Programs Report
April 18, 2023
Natural Resources Commission Meeting
Terry Porter

Public Offerings
Spring Programs

Past 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

Upcoming Programs

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| 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 |
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| 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 |