



Alpharetta Natural Resources  
Commission Meeting  
MAY 16, 2023  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL  
2 PARK PLAZA | 6:30 PM

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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- a. Meeting began at 6:34pm on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in the Executive Conference Room #121

**II. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Present were:
- i. Commissioners: Geri Chapple, Dan Mitnick, Dana Davis, Kate Tunison, Ben Manley, Lindsey Ann Burnett, Clifford Martin, and Dana Davis.
  - ii. Staff: Terry Porter and David Shostak
  - iii. Volunteer: Arata Watanabe

**III. APPROVAL OF APRIL MEETING MINUTES**

- a. A motion was made to approve the April minutes by Clifford Martin and seconded by Dan Mitnick. Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. STAFF REPORTS**

**a. Arborist Report by David Shostak**

- i. No updates to report at this time.

**b. Environmental Programs Report by Terry Porter**

- i. Past Events
- 1. Community Shredding and Recycling Collection Event was held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Cox Enterprise volunteered at the event. Dan Mitnick, Clifford Martin, and Geri Chapple were present. It was estimated over a hundred participants came within the first thirty minutes. NRC Dog waste bags given out.
- ii. Future Events
- 1. Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023- Volunteer beautification project in Roundabout Park. Roundabout Park borders Haynes Bridge Road at the roundabout by Publix. Planting 35 3-gallon shrubs with Amdocs, per the approved planting plan for the park. 15- 17 volunteers will be present. The event takes place from 8:30am to noon. Digging, planting, and mulching are planned.

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a. Clean Waterways by Dan Mitnick**

- i. Educational awareness needed to the community.

### **b. Recycling and Sustainability by Dana Davis**

- i. Discussion held on ways to bring community awareness to the NRC. These included potentially using jot forms, Facebook, bill stuffers (14,000 homes 0.5 cents not including all costs), The Patch emails, pop up screen for online bill pay, signage at City Hall, HOA emails and presentations, and NRC webpage updates.
- ii. Additional recycling locations ideas are needed.
- iii. Beth Ott is extending a formal invitation for GreenCell to come speak and present at the next NRC meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Their mission is to continue to further sustainability and composting options for the community.

### **c. Wildlife- Alpharetta's Wild Side by Clifford Martin**

- i. Alpharetta Wild Side
  - 1. The City of Alpharetta has placed signs along the Alpha Loop with instructions on how to co-exist with Coyotes. Copy of sign given to committee.
  - 2. Free Milk Weed for Monarch Habitats Discussed. This program is through Monarch Watch who is distributing free milkweed to schools and nonprofit organizations interested in creating monarch habitats for eastern and western monarch populations. Pollinator garden requirements discussed.
- ii. Alpharetta Wild Side- Developer Video
  - 1. End of School Year is upon us. We need to contact schools and line up Media Arts classes to help produce video next school year.
- iii. Bird Walks
  - 1. Bird Walk Dates proposed by Georgia Audubon are
    - a. June: Sat 17
    - b. October: Sat 28
  - 2. Awaiting confirmation of time of day and locations
  - 3. Survey of previous bird walk attendants taken, and future locations discussed with Audubon and Rucker Road Farm.
- iv. Natural Resources Photography Contest
  - 1. No new updates

### **e. Tree Canopy and Preservation by Ben Manly**

- a. Independent study taking place of tree ordinance.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS – BUDGET**

### **a. \$806.00 left in budget.**

- i. Serviceberry tree plaque cost is estimated to be \$150.00.

### **b. An estimated \$650.00 left after serviceberry plaque purchased.**

### **c. Items discussed on how to spend money include Adirondack chairs, dog waste bags, birdhouses, bags, and shirts.**

- d. Motion made to use budget purchasing dog waste bags and non-insulated bags made by Dan Mitnick, seconded by Dana Davis. Motion approved unanimously.

**VII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

- a. Options presented concerning changes to NRC meeting locations.
- b. A motion was made to hold NRC meetings in the Community Room located at City Hall beginning at 6:30pm on the third Tuesday of every month. The meeting will conclude in that location at 7:30pm, when the NRC will proceed to Council Chambers from 7:30-8:00pm. The motion was made by Dan Mitnick, seconded by Dana Davis. The motion was approved unanimously.
- c. Next Meeting date will be June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in the Community Room at City Hall

**VIII. ADJOURNEMENT**

- a. Meeting ended at 8:14pm