



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA
6:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**
4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - A. Approval of the Natural Resources Commission Meeting and Work Session Minutes from July 18, 2023 and August 15, 2023.
 - B. Action Statement NRC Meeting July 18 2023
5. **ALPHARETTA CITY AGRICULTURE PLAN**
 - A. Presentation of the Alpharetta City Agriculture Plan
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. NRC Strategic Management Plan
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
9. **NEXT MEETING DATE**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**



Alpharetta Natural Resources
Commission Meeting
JULY 18, 2023
ACTION SUMMARY

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Work Session began at 6:45pm on Jul 18, 2023, in the Council Chambers 2 Park Plaza

II. ROLL CALL

Present were:

Commissioners: Geri Chapple, Dan Mitnick, Kate Tunison, Clifford Martin, Beth Ott, Lindsey Ann Burnett

Staff: Terry Porter, David Shostak

Special Guest: James Drinkard

Volunteer: Arata Watanabe

III. WORK SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

IV. WORK SESSION ITEMS

Staff Reports

a. Arborist Report by David Shostak

1. Webb Bridge Road Improvement discussed. North Point Pkwy to Webb Bridge Way are the "bookends". Clearing has begun and utility work is underway. Sewer line project is included as a part of the project.
2. Mayfield Farms discussed. No current official plan due to funding per James Drinkard.

b. Environmental Programs by Terry Porter

1. Alpharetta Environmental Public Program Offerings Handout discussed for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024.
 - a. Terry gave a handout of current public offerings by month and stated that this handout only represents the public offerings and that there are many private projects and offerings that are not represented here. The subcommittees have been working in their respective focus areas and have ideas for various outreach opportunities. We need to bring all these ideas forward and look at the scope and needs collectively on a calendar for planning purposes.

- b. Another handout showing General Categories for Service and Outreach Opportunities by month was given to provide a larger context for various environmental topics to help with timelines. Example: November is America Recycles Month and Earth Day is in April.
 - 2. Terry requested each subcommittee bring any programming or outreach ideas, dates, and needs that they have currently identified by next meeting. This is a start and things can be added or removed throughout the process.
- b. Committee Reports
- a. Clean Waterways by Dan Mitnick
 - 1. Rivers Alive Volunteer Cleanup is on October 14th, 2023. More education for keeping our waterways clean is needed.
 - b. Recycling and Sustainability by Beth Ott
 - 1. Beth attended the Mayor's meeting for HOA representatives. She noted that recycling bins are still needed at City Hall.
 - 2. Ecards discussed as a potential way to bring awareness to the NRC. City Staff to procure ecards.
 - 3. Green Cell representatives met with Beth, Amanda Musilli, Charlie Lancelot, and other city officials to discuss community composting opportunities, possible partnerships, what is needed to begin education soon and how to move forward. Community education in cooperation with the Farm, NRC and the city at the Farmers market was also discussed. Mention that Milton has similar interests. Old Rucker farm is currently composting onsite for their operations. Partnership opportunities with Green Cell were talked about with Amanda. Beth said it is exciting to see a partnership forming, after their presentation at the June NRC meeting.
 - 4. Coca-Cola to source PET from Republic Services at upcoming polymer centers article provided as a handout. It's the first announced customer for a new network of secondary plastic recycling facilities, as it aims to use at least 50% recycled material in its packaging by 2030. Beth has contacted Republic Services to see how Alpharetta can partner with their endeavors.
 - 5. Northern Georgia District names June Eagle Scouts article discussed from Herald. The use of future Eagle Scouts to help with beautification projects discussed as well.
 - c. Wildlife and Alpharetta's Wild Side by Clifford Martin
 - 1. Potential Bird Walk Dates discussed using other resources besides Georgia Audubon.
 - 2. Natural Resource Photography Contest
 - a. Handout Provided with timelines on Photography Contest
 - b. Subcommittees asked to submit potential description of photos they desire to see in the photography contest, as representation of their subcommittee. Example –a photo of a recycling bin full of glass would represent the recycling and sustainability committee.

d. Tree Canopy and Preservation by Kate Tunsion

1. No update provided at this time.

V. ADJOURNEMENT

a. Work Session Concluded at 7:36pm.

FORMAL MEETING

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III. NEW BUSINESS

Social Media Coordination Discussion held with James Drinkard.

- i. Content and Calendar Dates are needed in advance as much as possible.
- ii. Geri Chapple handed out an example of a social media calendar for consideration. It was agreed that putting together something like this for all the NRC outreach topics would be helpful. Geri requested that each of the subcommittees work to present 10 possible topics/articles/social media handles by next meeting to commission. Handouts were provided as examples with suggestions on topics and timelines by Gerri Chapple and previously by Terry Porter.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. APPROVAL OF JUNE MEETING MINUTES

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Two Alpharetta residents attended. They were interested in hearing about NRC and how they can be involved.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting to be held in Council Chambers on August 15, 2023.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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