



# NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

## JUNE 18, 2024

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 May 21, 2024.
5. **STAFF REPORTS**
  - A. Arborist Report
  - B. Environmental Programs Report
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
9. **NEXT MEETING DATE**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**



Alpharetta Natural Resources  
Commission Work Session  
MAY 21, 2024

**ACTION SUMMARY**

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2 PARK PLAZA

WORK SESSION

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1. CALL TO ORDER
  - a. Work Session for NRC began at 8:05pm in first Floor Community Room.
2. ROLL CALL
  - a. Present were:
    - i. Commissioners: Ben Manley, Mike Buchanan, Lindsey Ann Burnett, Beth Ott, Vijay Desai, Kate Tunison
    - ii. Staff: Terry Porter, David Shostak, James Drinkard
3. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS
4. WORK SESSIONS ITEMS
  - a. Staff Reports
    - i. Arborist Report by David Shostak
      1. Ask the Arborist Questions still ongoing
      2. Arborist prep class held by City of Alpharetta and Georgia Forestry Commission on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
    - ii. Environmental Programs by Terry Porter
      1. Dates discussed include a household hazardous waste and paint collection on June 15<sup>th</sup>, rain barrel workshop on June 25, bird walks, Rivers Alive, community recycling event on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Full list provided.
  - b. Committee Reports
    - i. Clean Waterways- Lindsey Ann Burnett
      1. Ongoing efforts for public awareness of clean waterways through dog waste discussed.
    - ii. Recycling and Sustainability- Beth Ott

1. Manning Oaks Hometown Heroes presentation by Beth Ott and Lindsey Ann Burnett. Theme was “Don’t be a litter bug. Be a glitter bug”. Three classrooms heard presentation and future generations were excited about recycling and keeping Alpharetta beautiful.
2. Earth Day booth was well received. Numerous families were interested and stopped by. Thanks to all the NRC members present.
3. Georgia Recycling Coalition held the State of Recycling Event attended by Beth Ott and Terry Porter. Grant money opportunities are available through the Curbside Partnership. Multifamily home recycling opportunities discussed.
4. Taste of Alpharetta table and NRC literature handed out.
- iii. Wildlife and Alpharetta’s Wild side- Mike Buchanan
  1. Natural pollinator plant education discussed.
  2. Bee habitats and public education discussed.
- iv. Tree Canopy and Preservation- Ben Manley and Kate Tunison
  1. Tree Canopy Scorecard discussed through [itreetools.org](http://itreetools.org).
  2. Tree Equity Score 45.1 % tree canopy.
  3. Atlanta Tree Canopy Project History hand out and study discussed.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Commission to look through the existing NRC plan and come back with suggestions/recommendations.
- b. Motion made to adjourn the work session by Kate Tunison and seconded by Beth Ott. Motion passed unanimously. Work Session concluded at 8:44pm.

## Environmental Programs Report

### June 18, 2024

#### Past Programs

|           |                                                                                                                                                               |                 |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 3/23/2024 | Community Recycling Collections<br>Electronics Recycling<br>Shredding and Paper Recycling<br>Plastics and Styrofoam                                           |                 |
| 4/17/2024 | Hometown Heroes at Manning Oaks ES                                                                                                                            |                 |
| 4/20/2024 | Farmers Market<br>City Center                                                                                                                                 | 8:30am – 1:00pm |
| 5/9/2024  | Taste of Alpharetta <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Share tent with Community Agriculture Program</li><li>• Event Recycling<br/>City Center</li></ul> |                 |

#### Upcoming Programs

|            |                                                                                                                                                               |                 |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 6/25/2024  | Rain Barrel Workshop<br>Alpharetta Public Works Department<br>Training Room                                                                                   | 5:00pm – 6:00pm |
| July 17/24 | Bird Walk with Georgia Audubon                                                                                                                                |                 |
| TBD        | Farmers Market Booth                                                                                                                                          |                 |
| 9/14/2024  | Community Recycling Collections<br>Alpharetta Public Works Department<br>Electronics Recycling<br>Shredding and Paper Recycling<br>Styrofoam and Plastic Film | 8:30am to Noon  |
| October    | Rivers Alive<br>Rock Mill Park Pavilion                                                                                                                       | 8:30am to Noon  |
| November   | Household hazardous Waste and Paint Collection                                                                                                                |                 |

#### Volunteer groups

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|------|-------------------|
| June | Fredrick Swanston |
| June | AMDOCS            |
| July | McKibbin Places   |