



Alpharetta Natural Resources
Commission Meeting
AUGUST 20, 2024

APPROVED MINUTES

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
2 PARK PLAZA

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1. CALL TO ORDER
 - a. Natural Resource Commission Work Session and Meeting began at 6:37pm in the First Floor Community Room 2 Park Plaza on Feb 20th, 2024.
2. ROLL CALL
 - a. Present were:
 - i. Commissioners: Herb Velazquez, Mike Buchannan, Lindsey Ann Burnett, Kate Tunison, Ben Manley, Vejay Desai, and Beth Ott.
 - ii. Staff: Terry Porter, David Shostak, Mayor Jim Gilvin
3. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. There will be a meeting on Thursday September 19 from 12-1pm for all City Commissioners regarding a Refresher on Public Meeting Procedures by the city attorney.
 - b. The Great Southeast Pollinator Census is this weekend and was discussed. Article in the Alpharetta Roswell Herald through Appen Media publication from August 15th, 2024. Opportunities to have the NRC coordinate with the new reporter for the Herald publication.
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Mayor Gilvin swore in Mr. Doug DeRito's appointee Herb Velazquez as a Commissioner on the Natural Resource Commission.
5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - a. Approval of the Natural Resource Natural Resources Commission Meeting and Work Session Minutes from June 18, 2024, and July 16, 2024.
 - i. Action summary June 18, 2024
 - ii. Action summary July 16, 2024
 - b. Motion made by Beth Ott and seconded by Kate Tunison. Motion passed unanimously to approve NRC meeting and work session notes from June 18, 2024, and July 16, 2024.
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Chair and Vice Chair positions for the Commission Discussed

- i. Motion made by Lindsey Ann Burnett to make Mike Buchannan Chair of the NRC. Seconded by Beth Ott. Motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Motion made by Lindsey Ann Burnett to make Ben Manley Vice Chair of the NRC. Seconded by Kate Tunison. Motion passed unanimously.
- iii. Mike Buchannan spoke on partnership with Innovation Academy students' collaboration with the NRC.
- iv. Terry Porter spoke with City Agricultural program today. We will be sharing our bat houses with them, and they will be sharing their bird houses with us.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Claudia Lewis. 184 Canton Street. Ms. Lewis is concerned about the tree canopy in the city, especially when it comes to residential areas. Ms. Lewis' trees still provide important shade and canopy in her area. Discussion held about size of homes regarding lot size and requirements of trees. Mayor Gilvin spoke about how in the past there has not been a consensus from the public regarding these things, especially since the land is private property. David Shostak spoke of the boundary tree requirement which is in the city's code.
- b. Jim Gilvin spoke about a potential recycling grant through EPD and the Solid Waste Trust Fund. He expressed his gratitude to the commission on the work we have provided.

8. WORK SESSION ITEMS

- a. Staff Reports
 - i. Arborist Report by David Shostak
 - 1. Pine Beetle Permits discussed, and number of trees affected. Ip engraver beetles are the ones being seen in the area, not the Southern Pine Beetle. Early indicators include pitch tubes and browning of needles.
 - 2. Consultant presented design with heritage southern plants as a design guide for landscaping in the downtown area. Draft has been received and is being reviewed by design review board and others at this time for a second draft to be created. Guidance can be used in any district in the city.
 - ii. Environmental Schedule by Terry Porter
 - 1. Environmental Programs Schedule
 - a. September 14th Recycling for Electronics, Shredding Paper (limit of 5 boxes), Plastic Film, and Styrofoam at Public Works Department from 8:30am-12:00pm.
 - b. Virtual Septic Tank Workshop added for Sept 17th, 2024.
 - c. Rain barrel session will be informative and educational. It will be held at the Department of Public Works on November 14th from 6:30pm-8:00pm.
 - d. On October 5th the Rivers Alive event will be held at Rock Mill Park.

- b. Committee Reports will be discussed at next meeting on September 17th, 2023

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. Next meeting will be September 17th, 2024, in the First Floor Community Room, 2 Park Plaza.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion made to adjourn the meeting and work session at 8:04pm made by Beth Ott. Seconded by Kate Tunison. Motion passed unanimously.