

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Athens City Building
Tuesday, April 12, 2016

1. Call to order – Cliff called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM. Members present include Cliff, Elaine Goetz, Richard Linscott, Ed Newman, and Andrew Ladd. Paul Logue represented the administration. Mat Roberts, Jennifer Cochran, and Meredith Price-Mullins reported their absence in advance. Quorum was established.

2. Disposition of Minutes—Minutes from March 2016 were reviewed. Richard motioned to approve the minutes. Elaine seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday May 3 at 5:30 PM—Andrew may be absent. The commission will have work session next Wednesday April 20 at 4:30 PM at Cliff’s office. Cliff will confirm room availability.

4. New Business

A. City recycling bin request—the commission discussed the request from Ron Lucas. Ed Newman has been using a bin like this already and likes it. Ed reported that the discussion with the solid waste district includes moving towards mechanized collection. The commission discussed a few points to include in a letter of support. Among those is to reconsider the issue of the can placement with recycling bins and long term curbside compost. Andrew suggested targeting neighborhoods if there aren’t enough to distribute to all areas. This can help with metrics. Elaine made a motion. Cliff seconded. All voted in favor. Paul will draft and distribute for comment.

B. Big Belly containers for uptown—Richard reported that this topic was discussed at city council the previous night. Andrew has seen them in practice at Ohio State and a few other places. Commission members had questions about how they are serviced and maintained. Uptown currently doesn’t have recycling containers. These could be wrapped with art to discourage graffiti.

C. Elaine may have a volunteer interested in doing some graphic design for the plan.

5. Old Business

A. Sustainability plan—Richard summarized work done so far and recommendations for completing it. This will be covered in next week’s work session.

6. Announcements and Updates

There are lots of Earth Day events scheduled next week.

7. Adjournment

Andrew motioned to adjourn. Meeting ended at 6:45.