

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Athens City Building
Tuesday May 3, 2016

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

2. Disposition of Minutes—Mat motioned to approve the April 2016 minutes, Elaine seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday June 7 at 5:30 PM. Work session set for 5 PM on Wednesday May 18 at 5 PM at Cliff’s office. 49 Factory Street.

4. New Business

There was no new business reported.

5. Old Business

A. Sustainability plan-- Mat spoke with AEP and Columbia Gas officials regarding data. They will be providing info on city usage starting with 2015. OU and City data can be removed from the data set if needed. Mat is also getting data on city electric aggregation numbers. Richard spoke with Carmen Sabraw regarding designing graphics that we want visualized for the plan. The commission discussed setting a public meeting to present the draft on June 14/15/16. Paul will check with Rich regarding room availability. 6-7:30 PM.

Elaine suggested that the plan add a section that defines “sustainable energy, transportation, building etc.” Commission members generally agreed this should be included and should include the 3 legs of sustainability. Richard suggested focus on water and air at the working session. The commission discussed tracking the number of cars in Athens. Elaine wondered if we can do an estimate of our carbon emissions.

Cliff challenged the commission to think about longevity of the plan and how to track and evangelize over time.

6. Announcements and Updates

There were no announcements and updates.

7. Adjournment

Mat motioned. Cliff seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.