

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Athens City Building  
Tuesday October 18, 2016 5:00 PM

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1. Call to order—Members present—Cliff Hamilton, Richard Linscott, Elaine Goetz, and Jennifer Cochran. Members absent were—Ed Newman, Meredith Price-Mullins, Mat Roberts, and Andrew Ladd. Quorum was established. Guests include Joey Verbiak, Evan Durrett, Azamat Tashev, Ethan Sleeman, Valeka Silva, Alyssa Dawson, and Leisa Berry. Cliff called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM. Paul Logue took minutes.

2. Disposition of Minutes

Paul distributed the minutes from June 7, 2016—Jennifer moved to accept the June minutes, Elaine seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

4. New Business

A. Commission Chair Appointment—Cliff has started MBA program at OU and will have classes on the first Tuesday for the next several semesters. He would prefer to remain on the commission but would like to step down as chair. Richard and Mat are both interested, others may be as well. Cliff suggested this come up for a vote at the next meeting.

5. Old Business

A. Plastic bag resolution update—Jennifer provided a copy of the most recent version of the language to the commission. Changes include resolution instead of ordinance, no enforcement provisions, and data collection. Items 1-9 are action steps for the city to work on. Jennifer would like the commission to consider helping with some of the action items. Elaine thinks Item 5 may be useful for the sustainability plan. The commission discussed the best data collection method including per capita, receipts, etc. Jennifer would like a statement of support for the resolution and willingness to assist with the action items. Elaine made a motion to draft this letter. Richard seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Azamat Tashev asked about the infrastructure needed to recycle these bags. Commissioners discussed recent changes within the recycling system that include acceptance of plastic bags.

B. Sustainability plan—Richard and Elaine have been working on this. Richard uploaded an update this afternoon. Paul is working on definitions. Elaine would like to re-organize the Dropbox folder to streamline it. Richard has been looking into the double your bucks program and has discussed this with someone at Buckeye Hills RDD.

6. Announcements and Updates

Jennifer reported on Big Belly recycling containers have been purchased for Uptown Athens and new recycling containers for residences.

Richard and Paul are working on bike parking.

EV chargers are in process.

Elaine reported on public planning process methodologies workshop from a conference in LA.

#### 7. Adjournment

Richard motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Logue