

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Athens City Building
Tuesday January 9, 2018 5:30 PM

1. Call to order—Commission Chairman Richard Linscott called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM. Members present include Kristin Rice, Richard Linscott, Ed Newman, Paul Logue, Meredith Price Mullins, and Stefan Gleissberg. Members absent were Elaine Goetz and Cliff Hamilton. Quorum was established.

2. Disposition of Minutes—the minutes from December 2017 were reviewed by the commission. Ms. Rice made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted by Mr. Logue. Ms. Price Mullins seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion was approved.

3. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for February 6 at City Hall. Mr. Gleissberg has a conflict at that time. Richard made a motion to move the meeting to Feb. 13 at 5:30 PM. Kristin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion was approved.

5. New Business

A. Biodiversity—Stefan discussed the need for a sustainability plan section on biodiversity. The commission thought this was a needed amendment to the plan. Ed is interesting in having a sub-committee to work on this with Stefan. Suggested data includes aquatic biodiversity in the Hocking, wildlife in the Ridges, annual bird counts.

4. Old Business

A. Sustainability Plan implementation—annual progress and updating report on the plan will be completed by April with presentation to council around Earth Day. The updating will be reporting data updates from 2017 calendar year. Richard put a generic letter template in the Dropbox for everyone to build on. Meredith needs some assistance—current assistance memo and template. Paul will follow-up with Meredith via email.

B. Zero Waste report—Kristin recommended a city staff tour of the MRF to give city leaders opportunity to ask questions etc. Paul will invite Andrea Reany to the next commission meeting.

C. Plastic bags—letters will be sent out soon, going in two phases.

D. Budget—Richard asked if the commission have any resources for 2018. Paul will check and report back.

E. Comprehensive plan—Paul reported that sustainability issues were mentioned frequently in the visioning outreach. He will give a synopsis on this at the February meeting.

5. Announcements and Updates

The city received a NOPEC grant for \$12500 for an energy project. Mayor Patterson intends to use it for an electric vehicle charger at the new pool parking lot.

6. Adjournment

Richard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. Ed seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue