

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
Wednesday May 2, 2018 5:30 PM

1. Call to order—Member Elaine Goetz called the meeting to order at 5:42PM. Members present include Sam Crowl, Stefan Gleissberg, Cliff Hamilton, Ed Newman, Elaine Goetz, Kristin Rice, and Paul Logue. Members Richard Linscott and Aimee Delach reported their absence in advance. Quorum was established. Guests include Jessica Dalzell.

2. Disposition of Minutes—the minutes from April 2018 were reviewed by the commission. Mr. Gleissberg motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Newman seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion was approved.

3. Next Meeting Date

June 6, 2018 at 5:30 PM at City Hall

5. New Business

A. New commission member Aimee Delach—Paul reported that Ms. Delach was appointed by City Council last month. Aimee will be competing the remaining time in the seat vacated by Meredith Price-Mullins.

B. Recycling program expansion-- Ed discussed recycling services for the underserved areas of the city including commercial and multi-unit residential properties. He has made outreach to city council and administrators to help work on this. Commission members were curious about some best practices, standards, and data. Paul thinks this should be included in the comprehensive plan.

4. Old Business

A. Sustainability Plan update—Kristin is trying to get the data needed for 2016. Ed is working on his part. Stefan has questions for Paul. The update should be ready in June.

B. LEED Community Center project—Elaine’s class did a final presentation last week. Andrew Chiki from the city’s Arts, Parks, and Recreation department was present at the meeting. The building isn’t efficient enough for LEED enrollment but the class provided some good recommendations to the staff to address energy issues.

C. City comprehensive plan—Paul is interested in using the commission for a meeting to shape some policies on energy, sustainability, and environmental issues.

5. Announcements and Updates

The commission received an award from the OU office of sustainability for innovation. Mayor Patterson gave a presentation at the OU Earth Day event and it was well received by the audience.

Jessica Dazell reported that her thesis has been approved.

Elaine reported that Ohio EPA is giving OU an award on May 9 on encouraging environmental excellence. This is the first time the award has been given to a state university.

Paul reported that there are Bike to Work Day is being held in Athens on May 18.

6. Adjournment

Elaine motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Kristin seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue