

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Athens City Building
Wednesday June 5, 2018 5:30 PM

1. Call to order—Chairman Richard Linscott called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Members present included Mr. Linscott, Elaine Goetz, Ed Newman, Sam Crowl, Paul Logue, Stefan Gleissberg, Caitlin Garrity, Aimee Delach, and Kristin Rice. Cliff Hamilton and Jessica Dalzell reported their absence in advance. Quorum was established. Paul Logue recorded minutes.

2. Disposition of Minutes—the minutes from the May regular meeting were reviewed by the commission. With no additions, deletions, or comments Mr. Gleissberg motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Newman seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

3. Next Meeting Date

The regular meeting is scheduled for July 4 and city offices are closed for Independence Day. Mr. Logue motioned to cancel the July meeting. Mr. Linscott seconded the motion. Next regular meeting is August 1 at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

5. New Business

A. New commission appointments—Mr. Crowl reported that Ms. Garrity and Ms. Dalzell were appointed at City Council on Monday and Ms. Goetz was reappointed for another 3 year term. Caitlin introduced herself to the commission. She has lived in Athens for 7 years and works at CFI. Commission members introduced themselves to Caitlin.

4. Old Business

A. Sustainability Plan update—Ms. Rice is unable to get the 2016 data requested. We will need to ask AEP for this in January 2019. Elaine suggested we leave out the 2016 data. Commission members discussed how to present the information. Ed asked about standardizing his data for reusable sales—some is in volume and some was in sales receipts. Paul has the information needed to complete the transportation section.

Ms. Delach expressed interest in working on bio-diversity as an additional section for the plan. Stefan will work on a draft of some ideas. Ed will work on this too. Aimee is also interested in working on climate and food issues. Caitlin is interested in waste, food, and transportation but will work on any issues. Previous commission member Price-Mullins was working on the food section but Caitlin will help with that now.

Elaine still needs to get the natural gas info.

The commissioners had a general discussion on burying utilities and how trees are managed by AEP. Paul will ask the shade tree commission for information on how AEP handles tree trimming etc. There is general frustration with how this is handled. This could be added to the comprehensive plan as a general community initiative.

Aimee, Sam, Caitlin, and Jessica needs access to the Dropbox folder.

B. City comprehensive plan- commission members are interested in hosting a few take home meetings. They would like to be involved with finalizing policies as well. Kristin made a motion to have a work session on Thursday July 5 at 6:00 PM to do this. Aimee seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the work session.

5. Announcements and Updates

Sam reported that he is working with health department sanitarian Mike Cooper on the wellhead protection ordinance.

Aimee reported that at least 45 people signed in for Bike to Work Day.

6. Adjournment—Ed moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. Aimee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue