

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

1. Call to order—Chairman Richard Linscott called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Members present: Mr. Linscott, Kristin Rice, Ed Newman, Paul Logue, Caitlin Garrity, Aimee Delach, Sam Crowl, and Elaine Goetz. Quorum was established.

Members absent: Stefan Gleissberg, Cliff Hamilton, and Jessica Dalzell.

Members of the public: Paulina McNamara, Elle Dickerman, Dylan Nesselroad, Maggie Lewsader, and Emma Hinten.

2. Disposition of Minutes—the commissioners reviewed the minutes from August 2018. Mr. Newman motioned to accept the minutes as submitted by Mr. Logue. Ms. Rice seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Next Meeting Date—October 3 at 6:30 PM.

Ms. Goetz, Mr. Crowl, and Mr. Logue reported that they will not be present for that date. The commissioners discussed meeting dates and times. Member Dalzell will not be able to attend meetings at 5:30 due to a work conflict. Linscott made a motion to change the regular meeting time to 6:30 PM. Goetz seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

4. Old Business

A. Sustainability Plan update—Goetz reported that she received data from Columbia Gas that will be reset for 2017. She was unable to get the 2016 info. She has a contact person and was told that data reporting will be consistent from year to year into the future. She now has the data needed to start the climate section. Mr. Newman reported that all his info was send to the commissioners. Ms. Garrity reported that she is working on the local food employment section. Logue may have data from Leslie Schaller regarding local food employees. Linscott asked for a work meeting to wrap up the plan review to finalize at the next regular meeting. Work session scheduled for 9/12 at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

Ms. Delach reported that she, Newman, and Mr. Gleissberg have started a biodiversity section that can be added to updates to the sustainability plan.

5. New Business

A. Wellhead Protection Ordinance review—Sam Crowl reported on the review he and Health Department sanitarian Mike Cooper have been working on. He provided a list of the changes. Mr.

Newman expressed concerns about the risks from vehicles in the wellhead protection area, in particular at West State Street Park. Mr. Crowl said he will follow up on that issue.

6. Announcements and Updates

There were no announcements and updates.

7. Adjournment—with all agenda items satisfied and no additional business, Mr. Linscott motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. Ms. Goetz seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue