

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Athens City Building
Wednesday October 3, 2018 6:30PM

1. Call to order: Chairman Richard Linscott called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present include Mr. Linscott, Caitlin Garrity, Aimee Delach, Cliff Hamilton, Ed Newman, Stefan Gleissberg, and Jessica Dalzell. Members absent include Elaine Goetz, Sam Crowl, Paul Logue, and Kristin Rice. Quorum was established. Guests in attendance included Emma and Ben (last names not noted) from an OU planning class.

2. Disposition of Minutes- commissioners reviewed the minutes from September 2018. Mr. Newman motioned to accept and Ms. Delach seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Next Meeting Date- November 7- 6:30 p.m.

Members agree that the new 6:30 time works better.

4. Old Business

a. Sustainability plan- Elaine and Richard will check the GHG emission numbers before finalizing the plan.

Richard- would like to use the ACEnet number to food section only and to use other indicators in Economics section.

Caitlin- ACEnet numbers (businesses incubated) are a proxy for the larger movement towards local food in businesses. The council make a motion to move forward with using ACEnet's tenant numbers as an indicator for the food section.

5. New Business

Richard- what are we going to do at the end of this year and beginning of next year. Suggestion- put energy into the 30 mile meal program? Other suggestions?

Ms. Delach- Forest Plan Revision update- is Assessment stage that will drive the need for change. Currently- working groups have been formed based on the planning rules they have to consider. Local community working groups for each of the 3 units of the Wyane. Concerns raised: water and habitat protection. You can join these at any time. Water protection came up at the Athens community top priority and something we should jump in on. Being that the water in the Wayne flows in to our community. Jan. 2 is the cutoff for getting info. For these working groups. In Feb. 2019 a report will be published, open to comments. May/June will be the need

for change direction going forward and objectives outlined. Plan finalize spring of 2021, then monitored. Stephan- adds to what we're doing with biodiversity section of the sustainability plan.

Richard- requests that Ms. Delach update the group monthly at meetings.

Mr. Gleissberg - each person is to bring an idea for the next plan as it pertains to their section of the sustainability plan, new program or something we could collaborate with that would effect positive change in the area that we are responsible for.

Mr. Gleissberg - What is our role with City Council? If there is something going on that we want to endorse, that is in our wheel house.

Richard- This commission exists to create this plan. Formalized sustainability plan for the city.

Ms. Delach- could the council help in deciding where to place incoming solar panels to the City?

Mr. Linscott will ask Paul ad requests that Paul keep us updated as the City moves forward.

Mr. Gleissberg - Could we help in the planning of the AFM move? Ms. Garrity to figure out how to go to AFM meetings for relocation and will plan to update group.

Ms. Dalzell -- Thesis about single use bag project focusing on Athens Grocery stores got approved. She will give us updates moving forward.

Moves to adjourn- Mr. Hamilton moves to adjourn, Ms. Dalzell seconds the motion.

Respectfully submitted by Caitlin Garrity.