

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 2, 2022 6:00 PM
Athens City Building
8 East Washington Street, 3rd Floor
Athens, OH 45701

1. Call to order—Chairwoman Delach called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Members present included Aimee Delach, Austin Babrow, Paul Logue, Elaine Goetz, Jasmine Facun, Ed Newman, Katelyn Rousch, Megan Westervelt, and Sam Crowl. Members absent included Megan Almeida and Sarah Conley-Ballew. Quorum was established.

2. Disposition of Minutes—Austin Babrow made a motion to approve the February minutes as submitted to the commission. Elaine Goetz seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion was approved.

3. Next Meeting Date – April 6, 2022 6PM

4. Old Business—There was no old business.

5. New Business

A. Athens Beautification Days—Sam Crowl asked for the commission’s recommendation on two items. The first was activities that could be added to the list of events for the ABD events and the second item is if the commission is interested in doing its project. Sam suggested that the commission consider working on Mike Stanley Park as its own project. Commission members were interested in working on this. Members discussed possible dates for this and Sam volunteered to coordinate schedules. Regarding other activities, commission members suggested cleaning up some areas that were former transient camp locations.

There is a parade planned for earth day that will be open to community members. The parade will be from Noon to 12:45 on Earth Day and will be on the OU campus.

6. Announcements and Updates

A. City solid waste policies—Ed Newman discussed some items that city council has been discussing. Items included the fees charged for 1 can versus 2 or more cans, rental units, compost, and multi-unit residential sites. Sam reported that ~50% of the compost collected is from local businesses. Commission members discussed what role they could have in solid waste contract. Crowl stated that the process is very complicated. Commissioners are interested in learning more about this.

B. Goetz reported that there is an EPA grant to work through solar land use issues. Logue reported that he and Vista Jacob Kemp are doing some research on this topic at the planning commission’s request.

C. Commission members had a general discussion on the need for communication on sustainability issues and methods of distributing information. There was interest among some members on working on this.

D. Jasmine Facun discussed issues regarding local media and the need for more local journalism.

7. Adjournment

With no additional items to discuss Delach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Katelyn Rousch seconded the motion. All members voted for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue