

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Athens City Building
Wednesday May 1, 2019 6:30 PM

1. Call to order—Member called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. Members present include Elaine Goetz, Cliff Hamilton, Caitlin Garrity, Aimee Delach, Stefan Gleissberg, and Paul Logue. Members absent include Ed Newman and Sam Crowl. Three member appointments are vacant. Quorum was established.

2. Disposition of Minutes—minutes from April meeting haven't been prepared yet.

3. Next Meeting Date—June 5, 2019 at 6:30PM.

4. Old Business

A. Action items/projects for 2019 and beyond—Elaine reported that the schools project is organized. Aimee will follow-up regarding bio-blitz at the Ridges last weekend. Stefan has collected updated his section. Paul received updates from Richard. Elaine will create Dropbox folder for the data. Kristin updated her info before stepping down.

B. Draft biodiversity section for plan—Stefan reported that they are looking at ways to do an assessment of the city's biodiversity. Council rep Chris Fahl would like info on where to reduce mowing in the city.

5. New Business

A. Commission housekeeping (chair appointment, new members, agendas, etc.)—commission members will discuss this at the June meeting.

B. America in Bloom (Hamilton)—Cliff would like commission members to help with environmental sections in the narrative. Caitlin will give a list of some things going on. Aimee suggested we highlight the new Armory Park.

6. Announcements and Updates

A. Dalzell Thesis—this will be on the June agenda.

B. City Council—no updates this month.

C. Wayne NF planning—Aimee reported that WNF had a meeting today. Date for forest assessment expected this summer. Series of public meetings including 2 in Athens are expected. 45 day comment period will begin once assessment is released. Plan area includes 1 federally identified plant, 2 bat species, and 5 mussel species that are threatened.

7. Adjournment—With all agenda items addressed and no additional business Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Goetz seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue