

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Athens City Building
Tuesday May 2, 2017 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, Kristin Rice, and Paul Logue. Members reporting their absence in advance include Cliff Hamilton, Ed Newman, Meredith Price-Mullins, and Jennifer Cochran. Quorum was established. Guests included Ryan Prestle via conference call.

2. Disposition of Minutes

The minutes from April 2017 were reviewed by the commission. Ms. Goetz made a motion to approve the minutes with no additions, deletions, or comment. Ms. Rice seconded the motion. All members present voted for the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday June 6 at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

5. New Business

A. JadeTrack—Ryan Prestle via conference call introduced himself to the commission. Mr. Prestle is an OU graduate and runs a company that creates sustainability tracking platforms for government agencies and other organizations. JadeTrack's dashboard program generally focuses on energy, water, and waste tracking to reduce costs, identify waste and inefficiencies, and meet sustainability goals. Mr. Logue recommended that Ryan touch base with city deputy service-safety director Ron Lucas to discuss how this might be used on city buildings as well as for the community center solar panels.

After the call ended the commissioners discussed tracking methods including waste and recycling tracking. Kristin reported that Global Cooling uses Re-TRAC Connect to accomplish some of this (<https://www.re-trac.com/>).

B. Sustainability Plan implementation protocol/updates—Elaine discovered that a draft version of the plan is still on the city web site. Paul will make sure that the final version is the only one available. Paul will work with Elaine to finalize an update/edit procedure for the plan and present at the next meeting.

4. Old Business

A. Zero Waste—Paul will check in with Caitlin Garrity. Council funds were appropriated for this project.

B. SOPEC Energy efficiency funds—Elaine wondered if JadeTrack or something like it could be a good way to use those funds.

C. Commission Appointment—City Council received 3 letters of interest for the open seat and will likely make an appointment at the next council committee meeting.

6. Announcements and Updates

There were no announcements and updates.

7. Adjournment

With all agenda items satisfied, Richard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kristin seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue