

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting MINUTES
Athens City Building
Tuesday December 5, 2017 5:30 PM

1. Call to order—Commission chairman Richard Linscott called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM. Members present include Mr. Linscott, Elaine Goetz, Kristin Rice, Cliff Hamilton, Ed Newman, and Paul Logue. Members absent include Meredith Price Mullins and Stefan Gleissberg. Quorum was established. Guests included Mira Leibovich, Jessica Dahlzell, Samuel Flowers, Deveyn Lipinski, Andrea Delaney, and Iris Virjee.

2. Disposition of Minutes—the minutes from October 2017 were reviewed by the commission. Mr. Linscott discussed the need for some work sessions to discuss implementation. Richard made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted to the commission by Mr. Logue. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion. All commissioners voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Next Meeting Date

Regular session following typical schedule would be on January 2, 2018. Richard made a motion to change the meeting date to Tuesday, January 9 at 5:30 PM. Mr. Newman seconded this motion. All members voted in favor. The motion was approved.

5. New Business

A. LEED O&M evaluation of a city building—Ms. Goetz is teaching a sustainable construction class in Russ College during Spring semester. She is interested in using a city building as part of this class. Students would be looking at water usage, energy, waste, air quality and other factors using LEED standard. Students will need access to building and some utilities information. Paul asked for an email with more information and he will check with the service-safety director and lands and buildings director.

4. Old Business

A. Sustainability Plan implementation—Ms. Rice made a few edits to the implementation document draft. Paul will attach to minutes once completed. Richard motioned to accept the draft as the implementation model, Elaine seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Work session scheduled for Wednesday, Dec 13 at 5:30 PM.

B. Plastic Bag tracking—Kristin suggested limiting the request to store owners to just collecting bag data first. Commission members and guests discussed researching other organizations that have data on downstream effects; which businesses to contact, and possible promotional strategies. Jessica Dahlzell volunteered to help with this effort.

C. Zero Waste report—Paul reported that Mayor Patterson signed the Zero Waste Pledge his afternoon with Andrea Reany from Rural Action. A summary of pledge points was distributed. Andrea

would like to come to a commission meeting in the first quarter of 2018 and report on the implementation.

5. Announcements and Updates

Ed commented that plastic bags are hard to market as a recyclable and are being rejected at bulk materials markets.

Elaine announced that OU sustainability plan is being revised. Expect a public review period in February.

6. Adjournment—Richard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. Ed seconded the motion. All voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue