

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Athens City Building
Wednesday December 4, 2019 6:00 PM

1. Call to order—Chair Aimee Delach called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Members present include Aimee, Ed Newman, Paul Logue, Stefan Gleissberg, Abbey Rodjom, Cliff Hamilton, Sarah Conley-Ballew, Elaine Goetz, and Austin Babrow. Sam Crowl and Caitlin Garrity were absent. Quorum was established. Guests included Bill Morgan, Mackenzie Kane, and Molly Kletzly.

2. Disposition of Minutes—the minutes from November 2019 were reviewed by the commission. Elaine Goetz motioned to approve the minutes, Ed Newman seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion was improved.

3. Next Meeting Date—January 8, 2020 at 6PM. Regular date is a New Year's Day.

4. Old Business

A. Commission Membership--*student position*—Abbey Rodjom introduced herself to the commission. She is a graduate student in Environmental Studies.

B. Student data collection—Mackenzie Kane and Molly Kletzly summarized their project in the OU Global Leadership Center. Commission members discussed the sections they are working on in the plan. Among other items, there is a need for greenhouse gas emissions data and benchmarks. Aimee asked about data from parking meters, EV chargers, and scooters. Paul Logue will give them access to the Dropbox files before the end of the semester. Molly discussed need for resources.

C. Solar panels at Community Center—Bill Morgan introduced himself and summarized the project as he understands it. He would like the city to do an analysis of the system. Sarah Conley provided a brief summary analysis of the project that she did since the last meeting. She would like to see more info on the actual rates paid. There could be issues with inverters for owners in the next few years.

D. Green Apple Day of Service Elaine reported that this will be taking place on Jan 13 but the school district will be working with an OU class and doesn't need commission help but they will be using some of our info.

E. 50th Anniversary of Earth Day— commission members discussed press event from commission including a solar plan. Paul will invite Luke Sulfridge from SOPEC to January meeting to discuss solar fee plans. Discussion on carbon offsets.

F. Reusable Bag Giveaway—no report

5. New Business—there was no new business.

6. Announcements and Updates--Elaine reported on a group she was asked to participate for develop a sustainable village concept. She will report back next meeting.

Stefan reported on chimney swifts—a group is working on this with the school district.

Sarah reported on a Rural Action open house event on Monday evening. Details are on the Rural Action web site.

7. Adjournment—Paul motioned to adjourn the meeting, Elaine seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13PM.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue