

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Zoom Conference Call
Wednesday September 2, 2020 6:00 PM

1. Call to order Chair Aimee Delach called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Members present include Aimee Delach, Ed Newman, Megan Almeida, Jasmine Facun, Sam Crowl, Stefan Gleissberg, Austin Babrow, Sarah Conley-Bellew, Abby Rodjam, Elaine Goetz, and Paul Logue. Quorum was established. Guests included Jeremy Simpson, Sarah Stansi, Bailey Grenert, Grant Crowley, Caroline Van Hook, Emily Krausher, Jade Thompson, Haitham Al Rashdi, and Lauren Conner. Commission members introduced themselves to guests. Aimee acknowledged indigenous lands.
2. Disposition of Minutes The minutes from August, 2020 were reviewed by the commission. Ed Newman motioned to accept the minutes as submitted to the commission. Sarah Conley-Bellew seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Next Meeting Date – October 7, 2020 6:00PM
4. Old Business
 - A. Student data collection—Paul Logue will re-send the info. Elaine Goetz reported that GHG is incomplete until other sections are verified. Sarah reported that energy needs some review. Paul will resend the box files to everyone. Sarah recommended we add plan updates to the regular monthly agenda.
 - B. Biodiversity plan section—Aimee Delach sent a clean draft last night. Sam Crowl recommended that the commission inform council of the update. Stefan Gleissberg reported that iNaturalist is live. He needs help with spreading the word. Sam reported on some council legislation to change landscaping regulations that Chris Fahl worked on.
 - C. West Side Community Association collaboration—Ed said there is interest within the WCA to move this forward. Abby Rodjam is available to help.
 - D. Solar zoning—Paul reported that the planning commission voted to recommend that council change zoning language to more readily deploy rooftop solar in Athens.
5. New Business
 - A. Age Friendly Athens County—Sam reported on this initiative. This collaborative has added sustainability domain to the planning process. Sam and Geoff Debalko are co-chairs this domain and are looking for volunteers to join this project.

- B. Commission Intern—Lorraine McCosker from the Voinovich School has students in environmental studies that are looking for projects. Aimee suggested they consider review of bee pollinators or river management plan. Jasmine Facun will be talking to her class next week and will discuss this with them.
- C. Backyard chickens—Sarah created a summary document on this matter relating to applicable city ordinances and comparable cities including Oxford OH, Kent OH, and Grand Rapids MI. She also discussed this with former mayor Paul Wiehl to get background on efforts from 2010. Commission discussed timelines and expedience.

6. Announcements and Updates

Wayne National Forest plan—Aimee reported that the WNF is reviewing the assessment.

Sam reported that Austin Babrow and Ed's terms have been renewed.

Ed mentioned a student who is interested in multi-unit housing recycling polices.

7. Adjournment

Sam motioned, Jasmine seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue