

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Zoom Conference Call
Wednesday June 2, 2021 6:00 PM

1. Call to order-- Commission Chair Aimee Delach called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Members present include Delach, Paul Logue, Ed Newman, Elaine Goetz, Stefan Gleissberg, Sam Crowl, Sarah Conley-Ballew, Jasmine Facun, and Megan Almeida. Members absent include Austin Babrow and Megan Westervelt. Quorum was established.

2. Disposition of Minutes—Sam Crowl made a motion to approve the May minutes as submitted. Elaine Goetz seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Next Meeting Date – July 7, 2021

4. Old Business

A. Backyard Chickens—Jasmine Facun reported that the survey was closed with 300 responses. Commission members discussed reviewing the survey responses and next steps regarding moving forward with zoning initiatives.

5. New Business—There was no new business.

6. Announcements and Updates

A. Power for a Clean Future Ohio GHG Analysis—Sarah Conley-Ballew reported that there was a follow-up call regarding approach, data collection, and CURB tool works. Paul Logue and Andrew Chiki are participating in this phase as well. 2010 has been established as the baseline for city GHG analysis, 2020 and current year data will also be used.

B. Bee City USA—Sam discussed some options that could be sites for pollinator gardens. Jasmine noted that there are studies that show geese avoid tall grass pollinator garden areas. Members mentioned bike path/Union Street, West Elementary, steep slopes on boulevards. Aimee suggested creating a running list of locations for such gardens. Sarah provided this link to track <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1g1kNkjAvj9LVzWyd4taSCQKmEXsZrIT5&ll=39.33158000642288%2C-82.0743325&z=14>.

C. Wayne National Forest plan—Aimee requested this be removed from future agendas.

D. Federal update—no update

E. Sarah reported that on June 10 the Green Energy tour is in southeast Ohio including Athens.

F. Jasmine reported that there are no students currently studying the Hocking.

7. Adjournment—Sam motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55PM. Jasmine seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue