Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday July 7, 2021 6:00 PM
Front Conference Room, Athens City Building

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1. Call to order – Aimee Delach called the meeting to order at 6:04PM. Members present included Delach, Jasmine Facun, Austin Babrow, Sam Crowl, Ed Newman, Stefan Gleissberg, Elaine Goetz, and Paul Logue. Members absent included Megan Westervelt, Sarah Conley-Ballew, and Megan Almeida. Quorum was established.

2. Disposition of Minutes—Sam Crowl moved to approve the July 2021 minutes as submitted to the commission. Austin Babrow seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of approval. The motion was approved.

3. Next Meeting Date – August 4, 2021, 6PM at Athens City Building

4. Old Business

A. Backyard Chickens—there is no update on this month.

5. New Business

A. 2021 legislative priorities—the commission discussed potential items they would like to work with city council this year. Aimee noted that the biodiversity plan is complete and ready to go. The commission discussed the council/planning commission agenda items on parking as well.

6. Announcements and Updates

A. Ohio University Sustainability & Climate Action Plan/Sustainability Project Laboratory—Elaine Goetz reported that the OU Board of Trustees approved the new Sustainability and Climate Action Plan.

B. Jasmine Facun reported on a Hocking Rivers biodiversity survey project that a group of Environmental Studies grad students are working on. Aimee thought public opinion survey, details on best practices and examples in other communities, pest/invasive, and maintenance. Elaine said this could be included in the OU Sustainability Project Laboratory. Members discussed need for a video history of the Hocking. Austin noted that the Scripps College had a program on regional water a few years ago (ouwaterproject.org).

C. Aimee reported that some members are presenting at the Ohio Town Gown conference next.

7. Adjournment—Jasmine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aimee seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Logue