

Athens Environment and Sustainability Commission Meeting, March 5, 2025 Minutes

Commission members present: Aimee Delach, Beth Clodfelter, Shane Benton, Ed Newman, Nichole Mazzone, Sean Pierce

Guests: Eric Boll, Kevin Grove, Morgan Snyder, Jeroch Carlson, Nolan Art (?), Mizan Ali

1. Call to Order and Introductions –

2. Disposition of Minutes from the February 5, 2025 meeting.

3. Old Business

Compost and waste. Commission discussed ways to encourage more people to compost. Reminder in bill of compost option?

Web matters: Commission has a new dedicated email address, and files that were on Dropbox have been migrated over to the city-affiliated OneDrive account. Meghan and Aimee can monitor traffic at the email address and forward on matters of importance. We are still collecting resources to add to the City's page as an information clearinghouse for residents on sustainability topics (examples: Athens Recycling Trail, food bank efforts to reduce food waste). One commission member reported difficulty accessing the new OneDrive account.

Commission's Annual Report- Aimee will set up reporting pages in OneDrive; Commission members also shared resources that are helpful in reporting (Farmer's Market, CFI, water department, etc)

We Are Still In (postponed due to absence)

Any implications of federal funding freezes/policy changes for City sustainability efforts?

Something to keep tracking.

Lostro water issue followup - no new issues

4. New Business

Commission Vacancies. Several of the guests at the meeting expressed interest in the Commission vacancies and discussed their backgrounds. Unfortunately, most of those interested live outside of the city limits.

5. Announcements. Upcoming events include Earth Day, OU moveout (will discuss both further next meeting), BioBlitz and Athens Conservancy Wildflower Walk.

6. Adjourn