

ATHENS ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5th, 6:00 PM

Location: Athens Community Center in the Arts & Crafts Room

- Call to Order 6:02
Present: Shane Benton, Beth Clodfelter, Daniel Bell-Moran, Andrew Chiki, Nichole Mazzone
Guest: Aimee Delach
- Disposition of Minutes (July 1st, 2026)
Motion to approve: Shane, Second: Beth
All in favor, motion carried
- Old Business
 - E&S Vacancies & Applications:
Justin Rosebook, Brittany Hopkins, Aoife McLaughlin, Fiona Davis
(We have four vacancies; have received four applications)
 - Need clarification from Justin that he is a City of Athens resident; did not include a letter of interest
 - Previous applicants - is it possible to reach out to them to see if they are still interested
 - Members intend to look through onedrive to review previous applications and reach out to potential members

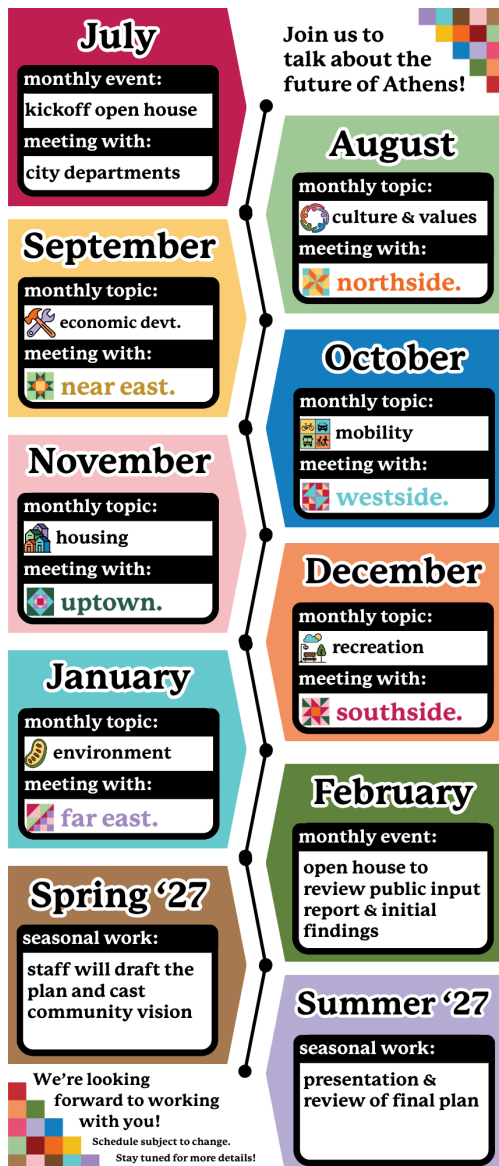
Shane motioned to recommend Brittany Hopkins; Beth seconds; all in favor of recommending to City Council

Andrew motioned to recommend Aoife McLaughlin; Beth seconds; all in favor of recommending to City Council

Beth motioned to recommend Fiona Davis; Daniel seconds; all in favor of recommending Fiona to City Council

Plan to set up a meeting with Justin to learn more about his interest/compatibility
- New Business
 - Proposed Athens Co. Data Center updates from recent City Council Meeting
 - City of Athens passed data center moratorium
 - Athens County passed data center moratorium
 - Athens Township Trustees passed data center moratorium
 - Dover Twp Trustee meeting Thursday, August 6

- County and Townships lack zoning/regulatory authority, so this is a potential weak spot/area of growth for our community to
 - Sunday Creek data center event “request an invitation to attend”
 - <https://www.sundaycreekhorizons.com/knowdatacenters>
 - Nominate (at least one each) City and County representative to attend
 - Updates from Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District’s Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day 7-18-26



- E&S representative requested to serve as a community stakeholder for monthly Comprehensive Plan discussions
 - January is Environment & Sustainability focus
 - Meet three times/month
- City Officials to join E&S Commission meeting in October to discuss City’s 2050 Comprehensive Plan
 - Prepare a list of 10 goals, 10 action items to achieve goals
 - E&S Commission should ensure the Sustainability Action Plan goals and challenges are addressed through this process
 - Commission members are encouraged to brainstorm and share ideas
- Announcements
 - Dr. Manree teaches planning class; Aimee has historically attended as guest lecturer to share Athens Sustainability Action Plan (Sam Crowl typically attends to share the OU Sustainability Plan) – Aimee can continue to share or welcomes a commission member to join/share (Shane will join)
 - Workforce development with Gathering Place – building trail off of Hope Drive; site/trash clean up (found a former home site); will continue to work with through the Fall
 - Resounding excitement on the City of Athens Goat maintenance crew – more of these practices are encouraged!

- Adjourn 6:45 pm
Andrew makes motion to adjourn; Beth seconds; motion passes