Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Athens City Building
Tuesday February 3, 2015

1. Call to order: Members present include Cliff Hamilton, Tess Phinney, Ed Newman, Mat Roberts, Richard Linscott. Jennifer Cochran and Meredith Price-Mullins were absent. Guests include Chase Robinson and Molly Cornish.

2. Disposition of Minutes:
Mat made a motion to approve the minutes from December 4, 2014. Ed seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approval.

3. Next Meeting Date:
March 3, 2015
Work session on Tuesday Feb 17 at Cliff's office at 5:30 to 7.

4. Old Business
a. Sustainability/Climate action plan—Ed discussed the Lucas County plan and the commission will review that before the next meeting. Cliff talked about coal divestment with OU. Coal will end at the end of this year. Natural gas will replace coal. The city will be joining the electric aggregation program passed in 2014. 10% of the energy generated to start will come from renewable sources. Ed suggested looking at gas as a transition source as we move towards renewable energy. Discussion on focus on ways to capture carbon versus reducing carbon in the AIR section. Discussion on Scalia Lab's air quality information. Also need to know source of air quality issues. All agreed with Ed's point on moving away from fossil fuels as a main component in the plan. Renewables and conservation are keys to this.

Paul will scan sign in sheets from meeting and send to Cliff.

Tess—important to define NG as a transitional fuel and focus on the source of problems (what Richard said).

Do we have info on where we are with our bus fleet and diesel and being replaced with liquid natural gas? Check with Michael Lachman. Add LNG fueling station as recommendation for plan? Dublin OH has CNG at fleet garage.

b. Commission membership—Emily's spot needs to be filled.

5. New Business

Tess—OU Sustainability will have an Earth Day event this year and will include a community award for sustainability. She thought the commission should be nominated for this award.

6. Adjournment

Ed motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.