

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

1. Call to order:

Cliff Hamilton, Richard Linscott, Mat Roberts, Ed Neuman Members absent: Tess Phinney, Paul Logue, Meredith Price-Mullins

2. Disposition of Minutes from February 3, 2015

No changes to the minutes were noted. Minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Next Meeting Date:

Next meetings: Working session on March 18 at 5:30 at Cliff Hamilton's office and regular monthly meeting at 5:30 on April 7 at Athens City Building

4. New Business

a. Amy Lynch discussion

Professor Amy Lynch of the Ohio University Geography Department presented her research on sustainable community indicator and a new project entitled Smart Cities, Smart Stormwater: Rain Garden Monitoring Project.

5. Old Business

a. Sustainability/Climate action plan

Richard Linscott asked why the Greencastle, Indiana sustainability plan had been shared as a useful model since he believed it did not contain any measure outcomes, or indicators, the importance of which had just been demonstrated to the group. Jennifer Cochran indicated that it was one of the first small-town sustainability plans she had seen and seemed to contain many worthy projects, but that certainly it might not be a great model for us as far as measurability goes.

b. Commission membership

c. Plastic bag ordinance (Jennifer)—Jennifer discussed taking an encouragement approach rather than legislative approach

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.