

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Athens City Building
Tuesday August 4, 2015

1. Call to order: Cliff Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Members present include Cliff, Jennifer Cochran, Mat Roberts, Richard Linscott, Elaine Goetz, Ed Newman and Meredith Price-Mullins. Quorum was established. Paul Logue was present from the city administration. Marshall Cooper was a guest.

2. Disposition of Minutes:

Jennifer moved to adopt the July regular meeting minutes as read. Elaine seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Next Meeting Date:

September 1, 2015 at 5:30 PM at City Hall. There will be a work session on Thursday, August 20 at 5:30 PM at Cliff's office.

4. New Business

a. Marshall Cooper—Marshall is a 2nd year graduate student in the MSES program at OU. She is working with Paul Logue on her practicum requirement for graduation. Copies of her draft proposal were distributed. She is also working with the Upgrade Athens rental committee. Elaine liked the proposal and clarified that there is a LEED program for existing buildings proposal. Jennifer suggested talking with some local landlords that have done energy retrofits.

Commissioners proposed a few questions that may be useful to answer or research for the project. Questions included: do we know how many landlords pass utilities onto renters; and does Upgrade Athens have data from energy audits?

Jennifer suggested targeting a neighborhood for study. Office of Sustainability recently worked with Upgrade Athens and a few landlords to do assessments. Mat suggested a competition for renters to get assessments and possibly get an award for a project.

Marshall's practicum is expected to be finished by May 2016.

Cliff commented that a focus on retrofitting may be more beneficial than a focus on new development. He also thinks a ratings program would be really beneficial. Mat agreed with this. Ed suggested a competition program with an award.

5. Old Business

a. Sustainability/Climate action plan—Elaine will put her edits into the Dropbox

6. Updates

a. Upgrade Athens—Mat reported that the website was relaunched today. UpgradeAthens.org.

7. Adjournment

Jennifer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mat seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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Regular Meeting Agenda
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1. Call to order:

2. Disposition of Minutes:

3. Next Meeting Date:

October 6, 2015 at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

4. New Business

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5. Old Business

a. Sustainability/Climate action plan

6. Updates

a. Upgrade Athens

7. Adjournment