

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Athens City Building
Tuesday September 1, 2015

1. Call to order: Richard called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM. Members present include Richard, Mat, Meredith, Elaine, and Jennifer. Members absent include Cliff and Ed. Paul represented the city.

2. Disposition of Minutes:

Jennifer moved to approve the minutes for August as written. Meredith seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the minutes.

3. Next Meeting Date:

October 6, 2015 at 5:30 PM. Work session will be held on September 16 at 4 PM at City Hall. Paul will send a reminder on this.

4. Old Business

a. Sustainability/Climate action plan—discussion on pictures of things that aren't good practices—Meredith has some examples—water fields at high noon, trash, cigarette butts on bike path.

Need to have short, mid, and long range goals

Add responsible parties and reporting parties for indicators

Side by side comparison of indicators that we are using with standards those other communities are using is needed.

Mat—prioritize indicators that are trackable with numbers that already exist.

b. membership—possible members include Christine Hughes, Bob O'Neil, a Casa worker-owner, Ben or Michael Lachman, Gary Easton with Appalachian Renewable, and

c. Curbside compost—the recycling center purchased Ray Leard's property to build a new recycling center. The district is considering collecting compost at the curbside down the road. The commission would like to invite the new recycling center manager attend the October meeting.

5. New Business

a. OU masters program for Environmental Science is not interested in working on the city plan.

b. OU sustainability practicum course expo is tomorrow

c. Brainstorm on tracking for the work session. AEP/Columbia Gas community energy savers program, UpGrade Athens has lots of data. APT has lots of transit data, Rural Action and CFI has data.

6. Updates

a. Upgrade Athens—Mat is doing a presentation this Thursday evening at the Community Center for the sierra Club. The meeting is at 7 PM this Thursday. Upgrade Athens is doing competition with city neighborhoods to get the most home energy assessments.

7. Adjournment

Jennifer moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM