

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Athens City Building
Thursday November 5, 2015

1. Call to order: Cliff Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM. Members present include Cliff, Elaine Goetz, Ed Newman, and Meredith Price-Mullins. Members absent include Mat Roberts, Jennifer Cochran, and Richard Linscott. Quorum was established. Paul Logue represented the city.

2. Disposition of Minutes:

The minutes from September 2015 were reviewed by the commission. Ed motioned to approve the minutes. Elaine seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Next Meeting Date:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 3, 2015. Bruce Underwood and Erin Sykes are invited to speak.

4. Old Business

a. Sustainability Plan--Ed suggested using the Zero Waste action plan to help with action steps. This should help with the waste issues. Paul will send out to commissioners and put on Drop Box. Paul will send out assignments for the plan. Working meeting set for Wednesday November 18 at 4 PM at City Hall.

5. New Business

a. Cliff and Elaine discussed some of the recent events on campus. OU is moving away from fossil fuels. Joe Lalley presented to faculty senate on this topic earlier this week. 50% of electricity will be purchased using renewable resources in 2016 on the Athens campus. OU has reduced utility demand and water usage as well. Coal will no longer be burned at Lausche plant by January 1, 2016. Coal will be replaced with natural gas. Campus on site air emissions will be reduced by 2/3rds.

6. Updates

a. Paul discussed the community energy savers program. He will email more info. Mat may also be able to talk on this issue.

7. Adjournment

Cliff motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meredith seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.