

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Athens City Building
Tuesday August 6, 2014

1. Call to order:

Cliff Hamilton called the order at 5:30 PM. Members present include Cliff, Ed Newman, Jennifer Cochran, Tess Phinney, and Paul Logue. Meredith Price-Mullins reported her absence in advance. Richard Linscott was a guest.

2. Disposition of Minutes:

The minutes from July were reviewed. JC moved. EN seconded. All voted in favor.

3. Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting is scheduled for September 2 at 5:30 PM at City Hall. Cliff proposed a work session for Tuesday, August 19 at 5:30 at Cliff's office.

4. Old Business

a. Bag Ordinance Review—JC distributed a draft ordinance. Very few of these bags are recycled. The recycling center does accept these for recycling at this time. Jennifer discussed some ordinances where a portion of fee per bag is put into environmental causes. JC sees a phased implementation. Program would need promotion with reusable bags and education. An enforcement/penalties should be added. City code office would likely enforce. Definitions may need work. Possible council discussion this fall in public safety committee. This will be discussed at the working session on August 19.

Ed suggested looking at other waste items that quickly become litter (e.g. cigarette butts) as well. Bottle/can deposits too.

b. Commission Membership—2 seats still needs filled. Commission members will spread the word. Paul will update city web site with commission membership roll

5. New Business

There was no new business

6. Assignments for next meeting

a. review bag ordinance

7. Adjournment

Ed motioned, Tess seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.