

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Athens City Hall, First Floor Conference Room
Wednesday, July 10, 2013

A regular meeting of the Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission was held in the first floor conference room at Athens City Hall at 5:15 PM on June 5, 2013.

1. Call to Order

Cliff Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5:25. Members present include Cliff Hamilton, Liz Rhodes, Ed Newman, and Paul Logue. Chris Fahl, Lori Burchett, and Markie Miller were absent.

2. Disposition of Minutes

Minutes from June 2013 were distributed. Liz motioned to approve the minutes. Ed seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approval.

3. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date is August 7, 2013, 5:15 PM at City Hall.

4. Old Business

- a. website has been registered by Cliff—athensfortomorrow.org. Group still needs to discuss content. It was recommended that the commission should look into web design and have a meeting strictly to cover content.
- b. Council presentation: presentation distributed by Cliff. It was generally agreed that presentation went well. Council members mentioned being interested in discussing a plastic bag ban and a sustainability plan as future projects.
- c. Assignments from last meeting: Paul provided city planning documents related to commission work. Paul will get report from county planning meeting today to the group (Roger Wilkins) and email to the commission.

5. New Business

Recycling—Ed and County Commissioner Chris Chmiel are 2 of 3 members of district recycling board that was created by the solid waste district last month. . 3rd member will represent Hocking County. Recycling center has new bailer. District has been working on more pickups in county areas. Recycling center is looking to expand. Educational components need improved and will be a focal point. The district's landfill is privately owned. Revenues are generated by tipping fees and trash imported from out of state.

Ed would like to present to Council on issues this commission wants to work on. Council will be on recess through the end of summer so this would be prepared for the fall.

Discussion on plastic bag ban from Council meeting. Ed thinks recovery of bags is a better method to start.

6. Assignments for next meeting

Cliff will send out some assignments at a later date.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:30