

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Athens City Hall, First Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, October 1, 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 October 1, 2013.

1. Call to Order

Cliff Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM. Members present were Cliff Hamilton, Markie Miller, Paul Logue, Lori Burchett, and Ed Newman. Members absent were Liz Rhodes and Chris Fahl.

2. Disposition of Minutes

The minutes for the month of September were reviewed. Ed moved to approve the minutes. Markie seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approval.

3. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting is Tuesday November 5, at 5:15 PM at City Hall. Meetings will continue on first Tuesdays though fall semester to accommodate schedules.

4. Old Business

a. City sustainability/climate action plans—discussion on sustainability and climate action plans. Paul distributed the Greencastle, IN plan as recommended by city council member Jennifer Cochran. Lori suggested we pick and choose the foci from the plans that we think apply for Athens—local food and markets, open space inventory—define on quality, city baseline data, energy efficiency for rentals, public education (as chapter or as component of each chapter), solid waste and recycling, transportation, water, current conditions.

Discussion on process—public meetings to begin, or establish framework by commission and then take to public hearing? Cliff recommends a working session to start on a climate action plan. Cliff suggested meeting on October 24 at OU facilities, 49 Factory Street, at 5:15, room 135. Members agreed to this meeting as well. Members are encouraged to read through the plans presented and be prepared.

5. New Business

a. Earth Hour City Challenge discussion. Council member Chris Knisely received emails from few Athens area residents who were interested in Athens competing for the Earth Hour City Challenge.

<http://worldwildlife.org/pages/earth-hour-city-challenge>. The commission was asked to consider this competition. The commission has determined that Athens is not prepared to submit a competitive application based on the criteria they have established and a review on the previous winners. The commission can see the city submitting once it has done the planning and implementation work needed.

6. Assignments for Working Session

Paul—city baseline data

Lori—assemble a general outline by 10/15

Cliff will send out a reminder.

All—read the documents that have been discussed.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.