

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Athens City Code Office
Tuesday, November 5, 2013

A regular meeting of the Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission was held at the Athens City Code Enforcement Office, 28 Curran Drive, on November 5, 2013.

1. Call to Order

Cliff Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM. Members present were Cliff Hamilton, Markie Miller, Ed Newman, Liz Rhodes, and Paul Logue. Members absent were Lori Burchett and Chris Fahl.

2. Disposition of Minutes

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

3. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting is Tuesday December 10, at 5:15 PM at City Hall.

4. Old Business

a. City sustainability/climate action plans—

b. Household survey—the commission had a discussion on length of survey. A survey that takes 15 minutes or less to complete is the target. The survey should be a combination of demographics, baseline data such as # of cars in household, miles driven, size of home, energy consumption, etc., as well as behavior, attitudes towards climate change and consumption. It should also have open ended questions such as “what can the city do?”, “what do you do about climate change?”, “do you think you have access to alternative energy?”, “do you think your energy costs are fair or too high based on your consumption?” Also, add questions about local attitudes towards coal, injection wells, oil and gas, etc., Cliff suggested putting an announcement on water bills, FB, city Twitter, and city web site. The commission will work on the survey through end of year and release in early 2014.

5. New Business

a. Working session for CAP—no working session this month

b. FB post—comment given that the commission should address the local impact on climate change in Athens. Commission members thought this was a good point. Markie mentioned that Geoff Debalko at OU Environmental Studies may be able to help us answer this question.

6. Assignments for Next Meeting

All—read survey and outline docs. Send Cliff email by 12/1 with opinions, perspective, etc.

Liz—will research local impact of climate change.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6 PM.