

Natural Resources Commission Meeting
Thursday, January 5, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Jimmy Davis
Urania Erskine
Scott Schoefnacker
Chairman Joe Skelley
Susan Threlkeld

STAFF

Tiffany Howlett
Alderman Jon McCreery
Director Bo Mills

ABSENT

David Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Skelley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum for the Natural Resources Commission meeting was established.

ROLL CALL

Davis-yes, Erskine-yes, Schoefnacker-yes, Skelley-yes, Threlkeld-yes.
Motion approved.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the November 3, 2022 meeting by Urania Erskine and seconded by Susan Threlkeld.

ALDERMAN LIAISON COMMENTS

- Alderman McCreery shared a brief BMA update with the commission members and opened the floor for any questions.
- Alderman McCreery and commission members discussed Blue Oval City and its industrial affect on the surrounding communities with important attention to electrical and water infrastructure.
- Three additional individuals will join the Natural Resources Commission next month as voting members. The individuals will serve as representatives from the Stormwater Advisory Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Tree Board, respectively.

STAFF REPORTS

- Director Mills provided an update on the winter weather encountered on December 23. The City was able to provide help to nearby hospitals needing clean water supply after MLGW underwent a boil notice.
- Director Mills shared with the commission the City's Vision, Values, Mission and Code of Ethics.
 - Community Vision - Forward 2035

- Community of Choice
- Provide Outstanding Quality of Life
- Be a Fiscally Sound City
- Have Top Quality Public Safety
- Be Very Responsive to Community Needs
- Workforce Values
 - Lead Responsibly
 - Deliver Service Excellence
 - Produce A+ Results
- Our City's mission is "Excellence. Every day."
- Code of Ethical Conduct for Officials of the City of Germantown – please review and return the last page to Tiffany Howlett or Michele Betty by January 18th.
- Staff Liaison Howlett shared with the commission that the sanitation division will visit Riverdale Elementary next month to speak on the topic of recycling and welcomed any commission members to attend.
- Staff Liaison Howlett will provide volume reports of recycling and household waste disposal at next month's meeting.
 - Discussion followed among commission members about ways to offset the pressure of supply chain issues on contractual services provided to the City. This discussion and possible ways to implement change will continue throughout future Natural Resources Commission meetings.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- Commission members did not have anything to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE GERMANTOWN FORWARD 2035 PLAN
The Natural Resources Commission voted to adopt the Germantown Forward 2035 Plan. There was a motion from Commissioner Davis and it was seconded by Commissioner Threlkeld. The vote was unanimous.
- B. A Natural Resources Commission membership directory will be given to all members once completed.
- C. The commission was provided a draft of the 2023 Natural Resources Commission Work Plan. The draft provided strategically aligned with objectives and measures from the Germantown Forward 2035 Plan. The commission will review and vote on this work plan at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman McCreery asked the commission to consider ways, if any, that Amnesty Day could be revamped. Further discussion will continue at the next regularly scheduled meeting with commissioners bringing forth their ideas.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

Davis-yes, Erskine-yes, Schoefnacker-yes, Skelley-yes, Threlkeld-yes.

Motion approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Joe Skelley, Commission Chairman