

Natural Resources Commission Meeting
Thursday, March 2, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Jimmy Davis
Urania Erskine
Justin Gee
Scott Schoefnacker
Chairman Joe Skelley
David Smith
Susan Threlkeld
Crystal Warren
Luis Wiadacz

STAFF

Tiffany Howlett
Alderman Jon McCreery
Director Bo Mills

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Skelley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Davis-yes, Erskine-yes, Gee-yes, Schoefnacker-yes, Skelley-yes, Smith-yes, Threlkeld-yes, Warren-yes, Wiadacz-yes.
Motion approved.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum for the Natural Resources Commission meeting was established.

COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Natural Resources Commission members made introductions and welcomed in their new members.

- Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison – Justin Gee
- Stormwater Advisory Commission Liaison – Crystal Warren
- Tree Board Commission Liaison – Luis Wiadacz

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the January 5, 2023 meeting by Urania Erskine and seconded by Susan Threlkeld.

ROLL CALL

Davis-yes, Erskine-yes, Gee-yes, Schoefnacker-yes, Skelley-yes, Smith-yes, Threlkeld-yes, Warren-yes, Wiadacz-yes.
Motion approved.

ALDERMAN LIAISON COMMENTS

- Alderman McCreery shared with the commission that fellow Neighborhood Preservation Commission would be updating and amending the Neighborhood and Community Preservation Ordinance to include attention to noise pollution and general provisions to property maintenance.
- Alderman McCreery touched briefly on public safety in Germantown.
- Alderman McCreery also shared with the commission that budget season was approaching and would be in effect beginning in May and would run through June.
- Alderman McCreery would like to discuss residential sewer infrastructure at a future meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

- Staff Liaison Howlett shared with the commission updates to recycling education efforts in schools and welcomed feedback from members.
- Director Mills acknowledged the Germantown Forward 2035 plan focusing on policies and practices to advance sustainable practices in the City's natural resources management plan. The commission centered on practice and promotion of innovative energy conservation measures such as LED street lights, timed stadium floodlights, residential solar power, and the City's overall carbon footprint.
- Director Mills asked members to investigate recycling markets, research initiatives, offer suggestions, and report back to the commission in May their findings.
- Director Mills updated the commission on the Cameron Brown Park turf field project and shared that the sanitation division was working on selecting a vendor for emergency debris removal contract.
- Director Mills requested a representative from the commission to volunteer to serve on a committee that will select a vendor for an upcoming public art project, *Shelby Canopy: Our Shared Connection*.
 - Member Schoefernacker will volunteer his time.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

Scott Schoefernacker

- Member Schoefernacker recently participated in a conference hosted by TDEC in west Tennessee. He attended Ford's presentation regarding BlueOval City's plan to not use water from the aquifer only for public water supply to the plant. However, for operations, the organization plans to try capturing rain water and recycling wastewater. The organization also has plans to use renewable energy to power the plant. Member Schoefernacker will try to obtain this presentation.

David Smith

- Member Smith touched briefly on the upcoming release of awarded contracts for American Rescue Plan Act.

Members Davis, Erskine, Gee, Threlkeld, Warren, and Wiadacz had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. A Natural Resources Commission membership directory will be given to all members once completed.
- B. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION WORK PLAN
 - a. The commission voted to adopt the 2023 Natural Resources Commission Work Plan. There was a motion from Member Schoefernacker and it was seconded by Commissioner Davis. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Commission members discussed the upcoming Amnesty Day event on April 15 and signed up to volunteer for a shift.

- Member Schoefernacker suggested the possibility of inviting Revolutions Bicycle in Memphis who will collect and restore bikes for the community. The Public Works Department will make contact with Revolutions next week.

- Alderman McCreery discussed the shredding competent of Amnesty Day and questioned if any changes could be made in the process of collection and delivery of service.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

Davis-yes, Erskine-yes, Gee-yes, Schoefnacker-yes, Skelley-yes, Smith-yes, Threlkeld-yes, Warren-yes, Wiadacz-yes.
Motion approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Joe Skelley, Commission Chairman