



# SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

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## AGENDA

August 9, 2012  
7:45 AM

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

### B. ROLL CALL

### C. MINUTES

1. Approval of meeting minutes from June 14, 2012 Sustainability Commission Meeting.

### D. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Discussion of Rule and Procedures Amendments.

### E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Committee Reports (Communications, Innovation, Non-Motorized Transportation, Recycling, and Water).

### F. NEW BUSINESS

1. City of Dunwoody Sustainability Plan.
2. August Crier Story - DNC Meadow Restoration. (Bobbi)

### G. OTHER BUSINESS

### H. PUBLIC COMMENT

### I. COMMISSION COMMENT

### J. ADJOURN



**CITY OF DUNWOODY**  
**July 12, 2012**  
**SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MINUTES**

The Sustainability Commission of the City of Dunwoody held a Meeting on July 12, 2012 at 7:45 AM. The meeting was held in the City of Dunwoody City Hall, 41 Perimeter Center East, Dunwoody, Georgia 30346. Present for the meeting were the following:

Voting Members: Roger Bottomley, Commission Member  
Keith Dyche, Commission Member  
Debbie Gordon, Commission Member  
Danny Kanson, Commission Member  
Connie Morelle, Commission Member  
Gerald Pollack, Commission Member  
Joe Seconder, Commission Member  
Bobbi Sedam, Commission Member  
Kate Sloan, Commission Member  
David Southerland, Commission Member

Also Present: Steve Dush, Community Development Director  
Rebecca Keefer, Director of Sustainability  
Becca Timms, Development Coordinator

A. CALL TO ORDER

**Beverly Armento introduced herself.**

B. ROLL CALL

**All members were present except for Stacey Harris and Lee Peterson.**

C. MINUTES

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 14, 2012 Sustainability Commission Meeting.

**David Southerland motioned to approve with changes, Kate Sloan seconded.**

**The motion was voted and Passed (7 - 0)**

D. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Zoning Code Rewrite Update.

**Steve Dush gave an update on the Zoning Code Rewrite. The Commission asked questions about the Zoning Code Rewrite and stream buffer regulations.**

2. Discuss attendance/participation requirements for commission members.

**Connie and the Commission discussed the implementation of an attendance policy and other ways to ensure a quorum and participation. Rebecca will draft amendments to the rules and procedures to bring forward at the next meeting.**

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Committee Reports (Communications, Innovation, Green Space, Non-Motorized Transportation, Recycling, and Water).

**Communications: Connie and Rebecca discussed the use of sheep to clear the understory at Brook Run Park and planning and potential sponsorship for a kickoff event. Connie discussed the Community Garden being awarded a Fruit Orchard through the "Communities Take Root" contest. Connie and Becca summarized recent outreach efforts.**

**Recycling: Bobbi and the group thanked Joe for the Stream Buffer meeting. The committee is meeting July 19th with the Chamber of Commerce representatives.**

**Water: Debbie and Connie discussed recent water related events, as well as ideas for a stormwater management article in August and installing storm drain markers as a potential community event. Rebecca mentioned the possibility of tying in with a Dunwoody Nature Center grant for stormwater management. Bobbi and the group summarized some ideas for an article in August. The group discussed different ways to do water quality monitoring.**

**David Southerland motioned to Move agenda item F4 up to F1, Joe Secorder seconded.**

**The motion was voted and Passed (10 - 0)**

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning August 18 DNC Butterfly Festival Booth.

**Rebecca and Connie explained that we have an opportunity to have a booth at the Butterfly Festival hosted by the Dunwoody Nature Center, and Connie asked for other volunteers to help her at the event. The group discussed ideas for an activity station.**

2. Stream Buffer Forum - Recap and follow-up.

**Joe gave a recap from the stream buffer forum. The presentations are posted on the Sustainability Commission page on the City website. Connie and the group thanked Joe for his efforts discussed the success of the event.**

**Keith asked about moving forward and if there were any next steps, especially in regards to the definition of stream. Rebecca and the group discussed using the Zoning Code Rewrite website to make comments about the project, and different ways that Commission members can provide input on the rewrite.**

3. Goals and Passion Projects - second half of 2012.

- Who wants to take the lead on Green Space Initiatives? What ideas and directions are pertinent?
- Who wants to take the lead on Innovation Initiatives? What ideas and directions are pertinent? Could Rachel work on Urban Agriculture?
- Sustainable Cities Benchmark and Outreach Project - Will, Hardika, Marjorie.

**Connie asked if anyone had any ideas for strengthening the Green space and Innovation committees. Danny mentioned that Grow Dunwoody and DHA are working together on the adopt-a-spot program as a potential Green space committee project. Rebecca suggested combining the innovation and green space committees, the group agreed.**

**Debbie has been collaborating with neighboring cities, and would like some help with that project. Will Koval said that there is opportunities with SECC.**

4. Nominate Stacey Bailey and Rachel Boim to fill seats vacated by Diana Trettin and Iris Callaway.

**Connie discussed the nominees and their backgrounds.**

**David Southerland motioned to Recommend Stacey Bailey and Rachel Boim to fill seats vacated by Diana Trettin and Iris Callaway, Bobbi Sedam seconded.**

**The motion was voted and Passed (10 - 0)**

5. Discuss Advisory Board and "implementing commission."

**This was discussed under Organizational and Procedural.**

G. OTHER BUSINESS

**The group thanked Danny and presented him with a certificate. Danny thanked the group and commented on his service on the Commission.**

**Gerald discussed the changes at GPC, and let the group know that due to**

**changes in his course schedule he will be resigning from the Commission at the end of the month. He is looking for someone else from GPC to fill his seat.**

**Rebecca discussed the sustainability plan, and will have sustainability plan information ready for review next month.**

**Joe discussed Project Renaissance input, perhaps as an agenda item next month.**

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Beverly Armento discussed the potential use of sustainability guidelines, and how a document with those guidelines can be incorporated into City projects such as the dog park and the multi-use trail and Project Renaissance.**

I. COMMISSION COMMENT

**Joe updated the group on federal and regional events of interest.**

**Rebecca reminded the group of the July Community Council meeting.**

J. ADJOURN

**Danny Kanso motioned to adjourn, Kate Sloan seconded.**

**The motion was voted and Passed (6 - 0)**