
Meeting Agenda

Location: Zoom - <https://emory.zoom.us/j/3449302253>

Date: February 22, 2021

Time: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

- I. Call to Order - Melissa Hage

- II. Review, Approval of Notes from Dec. 28, 2020 Meeting, and Approval of Minutes - Committee-at-Large
 - a. Appointment of Note Taker for Meeting - Melissa Hage

- III. Open Business:
 - a. Kickoff with Mayor Eady and John Devine
 - i. GOSP Grant
 - ii. Sustainability Plan

 - b. Newton Trails and Yellow River Water Trail (Debra Griffith and Mark Wilson)

 - c. Dried Indian Creek
 - i. Updates about conversations with potential project partners
 1. Conversation with Oxford College – Daniel and Melissa
 2. Others?

 - d. City Sustainability Plan

- IV. New Business:
 - a. Anyone have anything they want to discuss?

- V. Next Meeting Action Items - Melissa Hage

- VI. Adjournment

Meeting Notes

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Date: December 28, 2020

Time: 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Attendance: Melissa Hage, Dave Huber, Mike McQuaide, Daniel Parson (notes-taker)

I. Call to Order - Melissa Hage at 4:34pm

II. Review, Approval of Notes from Nov. 30, 2020 Meeting, and Approval of Minutes - Committee-at-Large

Consensus to approve the minutes from Nov. 30 meeting

***Hage to submit approved minutes to Matt Pepper at City of Oxford

- a. Appointment of Note Taker for Meeting - Melissa Hage: Daniel Parson will take notes

III. Open Business:

a. Dried Indian Creek

- i. Updates about conversations with potential project partners

Hage: To contact Laura Gafnea-nothing yet

Parson: To contact Newton Trails-nothing yet

Eady: To contact Covington Mayor Horton, and Mike Worley-Eady not present to report

McQuaide: Conversation with Maurice Carter of Sustainable Newton. They are willing to partner at some level. They will follow our lead with a letter of support, and will consider other partnership if appropriate.

Huber: Conversation with Mark Wilson, Riverkeeper for Yellow River Water Trail. The Georgia River Network is the overarching organization for river conservation including GA water coalition where Wilson's contact came from. Mentioned fellow riverkeeper, Debra Griffith, also treasurer of the Newton Trails. Griffith works with the Newton/Rockdale portion of the trail and worked with Newton county on development of the river trail. Wilson suggested we apply to be a member of the Georgia River Network, and look at becoming a water trail: 18 in GA and 18 in process. Most are navigable rivers, but not all. Wilson would be glad to dial in to one of our meetings and willing to support at some level.

Can Wilson come to our meeting on January 25 at 4:30-6pm?

***Huber will pursue membership with the Georgia River Network

***Huber will invite Wilson to our next meeting

Question: Are there other grants we should consider applying to? Community Foundation has sponsored projects like this according to McQuaide.

b. City Sustainability Plan

Eady will report on progress with Devine regarding a simple sustainability plan the city could implement. We will await this for review.

IV. New Business:

a. Anyone have anything they want to discuss?

Question about leaf pickup-can this be 'by request' to cut down on fuel use by the city crew?

Tree committee: suggestion by McQuaide to double the budget to plant more trees, and use that money to plant trees for homeowners to increase the tree canopy. Deciding who will get the trees could be tricky and must be done fairly. Could we partner with this committee to move this forward?

Farmers' Market discussion: What's happening? We know that folks have been setting up, but it is not clear how established it will become. Parson will follow up with the city on this topic and keep the committee posted.

Rivers Alive cleanup happens at least once a year. Perhaps we/the city can partner with this group to remove trash and bring people to the creek.

Discovery of trash dumped in sewer line-at East Soule street in the City of Oxford-people are backing down the easement-is this something we could change: ask David Eady if the city is aware of this...

V. Next Meeting Action Items - Melissa Hage

January 25 meeting via zoom at 4:30-6:00pm

Mark Wilson will be invited by Huber

VI. Adjournment 5:05pm