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AGENDA

Greener Boro Commission: 6:00 PM Thursday, July 2, 2026

City Council Chambers

- I. Call to order - Lissa
Present: Jon, Lissa, Jill, Don, Andrew, Victor, Marcos, Alyson
Absent: Mak, Helen, David
Guests: Shari Barr - city council, Tasnuva Farnaz
- II. Approval of minutes from June 4, 2026 - motion by Jon, second by Victor
- III. Old Business
 - A. Bike progress? (Marcos) Bike week recap (Andrew) - Gentilly Rd bike sign has been replaced. Three more bus stops are being added and bike racks will be added at these stops. Current UDC contains some bicycle rack/parking requirements. For example, within the Blue Mile Overlay (S Main from downtown to campus), parking lots must provide a minimum of 20 foot setback from non alley right of way. Within that setback area, parking lot must include:
 - At least one public bench
 - At least two bicycle parking spaces
 - Landscaping
 - Hardscaping that creates a park like or plaza like settingThe downtown area does not have these same requirements because of lack of space. GB will review the bike rack codes.
Statesboro Master Plan - GB would like to incorporate bicycle friendly modifications and plans
 - B. Fix It Fair Friday, August 7, 5:30-8 (Helen, David) - Helen and David were absent, so Lissa will follow up with them via email
- IV. New Business: Discussion: Review goals/objectives and key points of progress since inception. What should we accomplish in our 5th year?
 - 1st objective - reduce solid waste. How can we work with the city to make this happen? Jon/Greenrock Recycling is working to build support and trust with the city and county. We need practical steps and goals with the city to reduce solid waste.

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- 2nd objective - Reduce transportation emissions. Keep working with the city to keep bike friendly events happening and walking/bike trails. City now has two Hyundai electric cars that some employees are driving.
- 3rd objective - Increase public and private green space. Work to get more trees planted around the city.
- 4th objective - Conserve biological/environmental green space, including wetlands
- 5th objective - Improve energy efficiency in City buildings & provide education about home energy efficiency
- 6th objective - Work towards sustainability enforcement within the City

Shari informed us of a data walk happening August 6 at lunch. It's called ALICE - Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed

From Bylaws:

1.2 Goals. Greener Boro Commission's goals are to:

- 1) Advance and encourage environmentally sustainable practices and ideas within the City for all its residents and visitors. Sustainable ideas and practices include, but are not limited to those that impact City operations and facilities, new development and re-development, green space, transportation, waste management and reduction, City ordinances, local businesses, neighborhoods, homeowners, and residents.
- 2) Collaborate with City staff to implement and update these strategies and goals.
- 3) Provide recommendations and suggestions to the City Council regarding laws, ordinances, rules, programs, and funding that promote sustainability.
- 4) Work in cooperation with other City boards, commissions, and committees to promote sustainability policies and programs.
- 5) Promote sustainability awareness at city events or at the request of interested individuals or groups.
- 6) Conduct occasional community surveys to understand the local perspective on sustainability and on the progress the community feels is necessary.

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1.3 Objectives. The objectives of the Greener Boro Commission are to:

- 1) Reduce solid waste;
- 2) Reduce transportation emissions by;
 - a) increasing alternative transportation options including EV charging stations
 - b) increasing number and accessibility of bike routes
 - c) improving city walkability;
- 3) Increase public and private green space
- 4) Conserve biological/environmental green space, including wetlands;
- 5) Improve energy efficiency in City buildings & provide education about home energy efficiency;
- 6) Work towards sustainability enforcement within the city.

V. Adjournment - **motion by Don, second by Victor**

Mission: *Continue to grow a resilient, welcoming and healthy Statesboro in which wise planning meets the clean air, water and other livability needs of all, including future generations.*