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AGENDA

Greener Boro Commission

Thursday, April 6, 2023

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

Attendance: Jon Cook, Victor Dickey, Kristine Yager-Rushton, Mel Sparrow, Lissa Leege, Ben Morris, Karen Sanders; Non-committee: Marcos Trejo, Amanda Clements

I. Call to order: 1st KS, 2nd VD

II. Approval of minutes from February 2, 2023 since a quorum was not present for the March 2 meeting

III. New Business

A. Report back on waste reduction strategies:

1. Discussion with Amanda Clements of Keep Statesboro Bulloch Beautiful about *education* and *encouragement* opportunities:

- Current projects/programs: GreenFest, Don't Litter Lotts, 319 Grant, Beautification Projects (including Tree plantings).
- Things that have been done in the past and can be picked back up again: Litter cleanup kits; bringing back mobile gardening, RecycleFest.
- Projects that came to a halt: Water Day was in planning 2021-2022 but paused due to covid; Social Media campaign for litter kits.
 - Idea: Get KSBB Board & GB Commissions together for a project, etc. GBC will invite KSBB Board members to the next meeting.
 - Discussion about tire pickups through KSBB and convenience dumps open to the public now (16 total).
 - Discussion on meeting in May & August so that current Board & Commission members meet and then when new roll on.

- Question about pulling graphics to show project spaces by KSBB, etc.
- Discussion about education on reduction and upcycling instead of recycling*
- Discussion about Bulloch school systems-Haley Greene is POC
- JC asked AC what they are interested in but don't have the resources or time to participate in: Education within the school system.
- "Green Award" idea for restaurants-partnership with KSBB & GB. We need to determine criteria for the businesses.
- Look for grants to acquire greenspaces with waterways. Stormwater tries to acquire land that has wetlands-through a trust, sale, etc. Unclear on who is looking for grants and/or writing them.

2. Project Eaglet (Carolyn) *education*

- The organizations that partake in Project Eaglet will be asked to incorporate a green message/sustainability into their programs starting 23-24 school year.

3. Outreach *education*

- a) Trinity Episcopal - Creation Care series (3/16)
- b) Leadership Bulloch (4/13)
- c) Botanic Garden (4/13)
- d) Garden Clubs
- e) Survey distribution
- f) Website/social media

4. Repair Cafe (Carolyn & Lissa) *infrastructure*

- Approved tentatively for market once the Board approves it; Discussion on whether it should be more of a Skills Shop vs a Repair Cafe so people can learn how to do repairs as well as learn skills (play chess, balance a checkbook, write a cover letter).

5. Green Star/Award business (Bill, Karen, Shari) *encouragement*:

- Tabled for now and will look into partnership with KSBB on this.

B. Clarifying the role of Greener Boro Commission: Question for Marcos about how do we accomplish our objectives/goals?

- MT: Asked GBC where we plan to start and encouraged us to pick 1 idea/goal/event and start working on it as we are approaching the end of our first term.
- Discussion on GB being involved in objectives vs events.

C. Fundraising

- Fundraising, donations/sponsorships are approved by the City for GBC to seek out. Unclear on this process or who it is assigned to.



-We have the option to approach council to ask for funding about a specific project.

D. Next month focus on:

- Increase public and private green space
- Conserve biological green space

IV. Old Business

A. GreenFest results (Lissa)

V. Adjournment: 1st VD; 2nd KYR

Action Items:

-Mel, All: Tweak the survey by June GB meeting

-Lissa, All: Submit info, pics, logo, link to survey in organized manner to Marcos for page on the City website

-Kris: Ask her husband about repairs on small engines; Angie from Funky Junk at Skill Shop/Repair Cafe

-Jon: Ask Cody about rewiring lamps at Skill Shop/Repair Cafe

-All: Reach out to Tormenta Game, GS Football Game, Botanic Garden, Farmers Market, SCVB and other locations to ask about having the survey available at public events.

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.*