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AGENDA

Greener Boro Commission
Thursday, October 5, 2023
6:00 PM
City Council Chambers

Attendance: Lissa, Victor, Hannah, Alyson, Kristine, Helen, Non-committee:
Marcos, Shari

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of minutes from September 7, 2023 - Motion put forth by Helen,
Seconded by Victor
- III. Old Business
 - A. Discussion of next steps for resilience planning - vulnerability assessment
(review attachments for discussion)
 - a. Discussion of Second Nature Vulnerability assessment -
 - i. Biophysical exposure - Helen asking to consider us to social vulnerability and resiliency...
 - ii. Marcos - we have seen recent flooding events to demonstrate vulnerability - but currently no "early warning system" way to let people know what is going on.
 1. We do have FEMA mapping for 100 year flood
 2. Drainage system needs to be updated - culvert upgrade \$500,000
 3. Storm water fee is mostly for maintenance, not new infrastructure
 4. Marcos gets about \$400 - \$500k/year for new projects - his suggestion is to create more storage basins
 - iii. Blue Mile reservoir is not going to happen, funding issue
 - b. Code Red - opt-in for community members and maybe awareness raising to get people signed up for this
 - i. Need to tap into what city is already up to and leverage these efforts!

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c. How to go about this??? Perhaps go through city manager to designate to Olympia

i. Document and justify the NEED & look for grant opportunities + look for resiliency consultant. For next meeting: collect the following data points

1. Data points:

- a. heat stroke (health data) - Kristine,
- b. flood incidents - Marcos,
- c. EMS calls for weather-related incidents/FEMA emergency requests - Victor,
- d. infrastructure damages (demonstrate economic loss/impact), labor loss - Marcos,
- e. power outages & damages to grid - Shari B

2. Budget:

- a. Phases for plans: 1) vulnerability assessment
2) resilience planning
- b. Look for funding/grant opportunities
- d. Marcos - what about designating a "sustainability department" probably years out but maybe need to lay the groundwork.

B. Fix it Friday staffing for October- Dec; Thank you Kris for staffing in September! - Maybe we use Fix-It-Fridays to disseminate Greener Boro info

- a. With first Fridays 5:30 - 8:00 pm ish -
- b. October - Shari & Alyson (maybe?) - GA Power EASE program dissemination
- c. November - bye month
- d. December 1st - Helen will staff – Code Red dissemination

C. GA Power EASE program for free energy-efficiency improvements- updates (review flyer and info) -

D. Greener Boro presentation to city council - push this back to January

E. Greener Boro Business update - Lissa and Amanda from KSBB are meeting to make a plan about how to "Green" local businesses. Creation of criteria and get businesses get approval and get a green star!

IV. New Business

A. Solar For All support letter (see attached) YAY!

B. Requesting City to research planting Pollinator Corridors in medians of Veterans' Memorial Parkway - discussion - Greener Boro teaming up with Tree Board to see if that can happen.

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- a. Shari statement - Greener Boro request that the city research possibilities of creating pollinator corridors wherever is appropriate, starting with medians on Veterans Memorial Bypass.

- i. Motioned and unanimous approval by Commission members

C. 2nd Annual RecycleFest 9-1pm on November 18, Millcreek Regional Park

- Greener Boro Participation? Hannah can staff - will try to find another partner

IV. Adjournment - Kris moved to adjourn, Victor seconded, all in favor

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.*