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AGENDA

Greener Boro Commission
Thursday, November 2, 2023
6:00 PM
City Council Chambers

Attendance - Members: Kris, Charly, Victor, Hannah, Lissa, Helen, Jon, Karen, Alyson (all members present); Non members: Shari, Marcos, ~10 broadcast media students, 2 general public (Emily Potter, Blake Williams, Gabriella Young, Gianie Hernandez, Brandon Murray, David Warren and others that did not sign in)

- I. Call to order - Lissa
- II. Approval of minutes from October 5, 2023 - Kris motion, Victor seconded
- III. Old Business
 - A. Recycle Fest prep (Nov. 18) - Hannah will go, Victor will try to stop by
 - a. Jon
 - i. Offer a handout/list of all the sustainability related events that we know of in the community:
 - 1. fix-it fridays
 - 2. GA Power Ease
 - 3. KSBB events
 - 4. recycling options outside of Greenrock (Grocery stores - plastic bags, Habitat restore - appliances, others, City of Statesboro - metal, Bulloch Co - tires, Freemarket - big pieces of cardboard)
 - 5. Freemarket storefront - ecofriendly goods (collect materials and sell)
 - 6. Christmas tree recycling??
 - 7. Smart consumer consumption (Kinship)
 - ii. Perhaps a survey or some kind of to gauge what residents might be interested in.

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- iii. *** Action items - Jon Cook + Charly (list of items) + Helen & Karen (survey about Greener Boro, what green stuff does the community care about/want)
 - B. Update on GA Power EASE program for free energy-efficiency improvements - point of contact is Anderson Marshall - there are program contractors in the region
 - a. Might want to target Housing Authority, elderly, single family renters, section 8
 - b. GA Power not going to support the marketing flyer we created
 - c. How to find people, get information out - foodbanks, Rebecca's cafe..? Village builders, First UMC Saturday lunch
 - i. Jan 20 - Village 3
 - ii. Feb 24 - Village 5
 - iii. Mar 23 - Whitesville
 - iv. May 4 - Madison Meadow
 - 1. Contact at City Hall - Dr. Lasara Mitchell
 - v. GA power willing to come out to events for awareness raising
 - d. *** Action items: Shari will connected Lissa to Dr. Mitchell to see how we can get GA Power Ease out to the Village Builders events
 - C. Update on Greener Boro Business
 - a. Greener Boro Business - an incentive for business to become more sustainable - list of criteria
 - i. Types of business - retail, food/service, office, city offices?
 - ii. Incentives - screentime at GSU home football games (check out Athletics Marketing); Tormenta games; GSU BIG expo booth;
 - iii. Need to figure out what our criteria for Green Business might be
 - iv. ** Action item - Lissa and Amanda
- IV. New Business:
- A. Seth Williford, Performance Services opportunity
 - a. Performance contracting for municipalities and schools and recommend improvements for energy reduction, water conservation etc.
 - b. They don't charge anything up front but are paid via the savings the city/school saves
 - c. Seth is in contact with Marcos to see if Statesboro is a viable candidate for this.
 - d. *** Action item: Lissa will invite Seth to next January meeting.

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B. Other news -

- a. Shari chatted with Jason (assistant city manager) - there is \$11,000 in tree fund, but not enough public (practical) space in the city to plant trees
 - i. Tree board hoping to partner with private homeowners to subsidize tree costs and planting in their space, great partnership/program.
- b. Marcos mentioned that this space is not available for our meeting
 - i. Motion moved to change next December meeting to Holiday Party at Lissa's house - 2nd by Kris, majority voted

C. Working session to develop Resiliency Plan Proposal for City Council

- a. Background: Proposal to the city about why this plan would be good -
 - i. Framing: as a way to better serve city residents + an opportunity to look at the bigger picture of what is happening already by the City of Statesboro and connect efforts...
- b. Shari - what exactly do we mean by resiliency - are we preventing/preparing or bouncing back prepared?
- c. Jon - how do we sell this idea to a city to send money proactively vs. reactively? Not an easy task. How is this ask different from what the city is already doing?
- d. Karen - vulnerability assessment to highlight what the city is doing well, identify things that the city doesn't know about, but a more holistic view of connecting these efforts together to do things better.
 - i. Resiliency plans are available to public - benefits city to have that kind of outward publicity
- e. Helen - a larger push for cities to think about resiliency and Statesboro could have an opportunity to leverage this and be a leader as well as attractive to changing/new residents (and old).
- f. Data points: what businesses and non-city people are doing in the community - how can the city step in to fill those roles? E.g.
 - i. Potential structure of proposal:
 - 1. Identify challenges we face
 - 2. Identify resources available -
- g. *** Action items: Framework for the proposal - Lissa, Alyson, & Karen

IV. Adjournment - Victor motion to adjourn - Kris - 2nd

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.*