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AGENDA

Greener Boro Commission
Thursday, June 4, 2023
6:00 PM
City Council Chambers

Attendees: CA, LL, MS, VD, KS, MT, SB

- I. Call to order 6:05pm
- II. Approval of minutes from May 4, 2023: 1st KS, 2nd VD
- III. Old Business
 - A. Repair Cafe
 1. May 20 event report: Lots of interest; 23 names to follow up communications with; Boys & Girls Club; Can do monthly Repair Cafe with the Market if we can staff the booth that many times. Lissa will send out sign ups: ?-June 24th, Karen-July 29th, ?-August 26th, Victor-Sept 30th, ?-October.
 2. Fab Lab, Crack Glass Guy and some more community members could do something. New BIG Director is interested in a Repair Cafe Event at BIG including a burger donation.
 3. Organization/staffing for future (monthly? Expert + GB rep.)
 4. Discussion on how to market during events
 - B. Greener Boro Business next steps?
 1. Summer Concert Series follow up-no longer an option because of food truck vendor policies. How to propose the idea to the City; The biggest hurdles are 1-cost, 2-City staffing. The Greener Boro Commission is intended to be advisory to City Council, including conducting research, gathering information and providing suggestions for the City Council for implementation. The commission needs to develop a protocol by which we can bring proposals to the city council.
 2. Longer term partnership with KSBB. Discussion on where the line is for implementing projects/plans for City personnel vs Greener Boro Commission. Public Education with KSBB is approved but other

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programs have to be approved by Council. Do the research for the City.

3. Recycling as an example: City staffing and cost would need to be analyzed for implementing recycling options again. The new recycling plant that is coming can be approached.
4. We need to provide the research/surveys we have done to Council. Discussion on getting more surveys.
5. We need to invite industries, business leaders to come to our Commission meetings. Make our meetings more like planning sessions. Elizabeth Rowe, a sustainability consultant based in Savannah who has experience with developing climate resilience plans for cities associated with universities can be our next guest to talk about the climate resilience plan in Decatur (We may want to invite City council & need Marcos to go up the chain of command).
6. Discussion about longevity and how to set things up for success.

C. Greener Boro Webpage/ Social Media follow up

-Green Business list: does the City have an issue with us listing

IV. New Business

-Next meeting is June 29th 6pm *early* because of 4th July holiday week.
1st CA, 2nd VD.

A. Discussion of green space objectives: Presentation from City of Statesboro r.e. green space resources and regulations (Marcos) *Tabled until 6/29 meeting.

1. Increase public and private green space
2. Conserve biological/environmental green space, including wetlands.

B. New member proposals

-Rolling off: Karen (reapplying), Bill, Mel, Jon and Carolyn; Ben rolling off by default. Recruit 5, 3 of which are executive committee members.

-Leah will advertise it

-Ideas: Really Really Really Free coordinator-Charlie

V. Adjournment (*to attend the summer concert series!*): 1st CA, 2nd VD

VI. Action Items:

-Marcos: ask about list of green businesses being listed on a website.

-June 24th Repair Cafe skillmaster?

-Update all on June 29th meeting instead of July 6th

-Mel: Email Leah how many Commission members are rolling off and timeline, Holly about Greener Boro Commission; Ask Christian & John Hendrix.

-Lissa: Contact Professor Helen about GB Commission

-Victor ask someone at Excelsior about being a commission member; Karen ask Sugar Magnolia owner

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