

Commission Members:

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AGENDA

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

- I. **Call to order. Attendees:** Kristene Yager-Rushton, Carolyn Altman, Lissa Leege, Mel Sparrow, Jon Cook, Victor Dickey, Karen Sanders; Non-Commission: Marcos Trejo, Shari Barr, & Helen Rosko.
- II. **Approval of minutes from December 1, 2022**
- III. **New Business**
 - A. Marcos Trejo - update on ordinance revisions: Updates on his recommendations. LL asked about bioswales as the natural ditches Between Grady & Jones streets, stream restoration with retention ponds and signage. Discussion on Stormwater procedures. Homeowners can be the issue when it comes to right of ways and natural restoration. CA asked about why there is a pause on traffic flows, bike paths, etc. Discussion on the limitations of old methods of transportation negatively affecting development when new solutions have been created for the same issues. Conversation on safety features of bikes and pedestrians/accommodations for all abilities. CA will do research on the above/MT asked for specs. (E-bikes are another option. Education of bike/car etiquette.) CA has a group of people who can look at maps to determine best routes, safety, etc. Update-Stormwater will have a street sweeper running for water quality and trash pickup. Suggestion to use Tree Board's recommendations for increased Tree Canopy.
 - B. Jon Cook - Greenrock Recycling and waste reduction conversation: See packet he brought. Mention of a new plant in Bulloch County to use chemical recycling (Revalyu). *Review of things that cannot be recycled* Recycling cannot support itself! GR has 300 households + businesses (less than 2% of total). Recycling rocks are sold at McKeithen's; custom order pavers. Conversation on why there are fears/mistrusts with recycling: inferior product, consumerism, process and industry waste, lack of education. Discussion from the group on the following:

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-GB field trips (Botanic Garden parking lot, DLL, Bulloch Solutions parking lot, etc.

-Farmers Market booths

-Tailoring to common markets in Statesboro (faith groups, agriculture, sports, etc.)

-Public art display with plastic

-KSBB, ORK, Botanic Garden, etc. education programs in schools that include recycling elements

-Education for Leadership Bulloch, JCs, 40 under 40, Women's Service League, etc.

-Composting similar to GR method; ideas for where to compost including Community Garden

-Statesboro Working for Good FB, Grice Connect, SCVB, Victor's connection to the Radio.

C. Greener Boro Commission planning for 2023-Come back to this next meeting. 2 months per objective-LL. (Jan-Feb waste reduction)

IV. Old Business

A. GreenFest booth and Survey: Feb. 18th, moved to Vine St. Attendees: VD, LL, KYR, maybe KS.

V. **Adjournment:** Move to adjourn: 1st JC, 2nd CA

Action Items:

-Marcos will bring Carolyn a map of the City for the bike community to look at and give suggestions. He will share zoning documents & find out a timeline on recommendations.

-Carolyn will do research on safety features of bikes and pedestrians/accommodations for all abilities.

-All: Continue brainstorming education for next meeting; bring an idea of waste reduction to next meeting

-Mel: Send out Doodle poll for next Garden ecotour