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AGENDA

Greener Boro Commission
Thursday, October 6, 2022
6:00 PM
City Council Chambers

Attendance: Jon Cook, Victor Dickey, Mel Sparrow, Kristine Yager-Rushton, Lissa Leege; Non Commission members: Marcos Trejo, Shari Barr

Call to order: LL

Approval of minutes from September 1, 2022

-Approve: JC, Second: LL

Old Business

- GreenFest updates: Rescheduled for Sat. February 18th; boards need to be reviewed at Nov. meeting including graphics which JC offered to assist with if needed.
- Public survey discussion. A subcommittee will be formed to finalize in time for the next meeting so that it can be distributed at Lunch & Learn Nov. 10 or 17 by LL and CA at Botanic Garden.
- Zoning recommendations: Lissa sent out 13 recommendations via GB email address.

New Business

- Discussion of Greener Boro objectives (with measurable outcomes) - to add to bylaws. Objs. are measurable, goals are broader.
- **Tentative Objectives:**
 - Reduce solid waste;
 - Reduce transportation emissions;
 - increase alternative transportation options including EV charging stations
 - increase number and accessibility of bike routes

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- Improve city walkability;
 - Increase public and private green space
 - Conserve biological/environmental green space, including wetlands;
 - Improve energy efficiency in City buildings & provide education about home energy efficiency;
 - Work towards sustainability enforcement within the city.
- **Sub categories**
 - Reduce waste:** increase recycling (Jon can pull numbers of new clients); Education: composting, recycling options around town; Research ideas for City Council (reduce single use packaging)
 - Transportation:** increase alternative transportation options including EV charging stations, increase bike paths, city walkability
 - Green Space:** Bioswales, riparian zones, trees on drip lines, etc.
 - Energy efficiency & retrofitting:** Table this until Ben returns*/questions for GA Power
 - Sustainability enforcement:** question for the City Attorney about ways to incorporate this. If we become a phase 2 city, this will be required.

Action needed:

-Green Space-Marcos mentioned that the City is working to expand bioswales, riparian zones, etc. We can propose this to the City Council. 15% green space required with the City.

-Energy efficiency-Ask **Ben** about existing GA Power programs

-**Marcos** will bring landfill data and answers to bike friendly updates to existing roads

Grant opportunities: Continue at the next meeting

- Inflation Reduction Act: money available for electric charging stations, etc.

Adjournment: LL