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AGENDA

Greener Boro Commission  
Thursday, December 1, 2022 6 PM  
City Council Chambers

**Agenda/Notes from Greener Boro Commission Meeting December 1, 2022 6 PM**  
**City Hall, Council Chambers**

**Attendees**

**Commission:** Victor Dickey, Jon Cook, Melanie Sparrow, Lissa Leege, Kristine Yager-Rushton, Ben Morris, Carolyn Altman; **Non-Commission:** Marcos Trejo, Shari Barr, Kiara Ahmed

- I. Approval of minutes from November 3rd: 1st JC, 2nd VD
- II. New Business:

A: Guest, Kiara Ahmed: "Statesboro Area Transit". Fixed route N to S or E to W. You can also request a ride 24 hrs ahead. Must be within City limits. 8 total seats for now; 4 total buses. 6am-6pm M-F to start. Fares \$1/one way trip, cash only; reduced for seniors, medicare and students. First 6 months free. 20 stops on the red route and 22 stops on the blue route, however, this is subject to change until the map is finalized. 5 proposed bus shelters - Transfer Station, Health Department, Cambridge at Southern (waiting on agreement with property owner), 2 on the Blue Mile. Eventually rides can be requested via Let's Ride App and Q Card; as of now rides have to be requested via phone or online. Gas powered buses. CARES Act means no local match required, 1st year no out of pocket expenses. Coastal Regional Commission (CRC) goes outside City limits, \$3/ride. 5 year agreement to keep with GDOT, after that we have to get our own buses. Bus delivery date is TBD. Interviews for drivers through CRC 12/6 9am-3pm 3rd floor Conference room of City Hall-no CDL needed, \$12/hr. Generic bus map on Grice Connect. How GB can help: Recruit drivers, advertise open house and updated map.

B: Marcos Trejo: Still working on getting the map. Still working on a draft of Zoning ordinances but it will be shared with GB.

C: Ben Morris: GA Power initiatives are constantly changing but as of now current initiatives are listed online and he will send those out. Programs: Energy efficiency audit

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with rebates if you complete recommendations for single and multifamily units; LED home saving calculator; (might be changing) GA Temp enrollment program similar to a Nest, smart home system for flex hours; Appliance recycling program with a rebate of \$50 with a limit of 2 per year; EV savings calculator with a rebate and discounts on other products. Tara Mincey has offered to do a consultation; may be more incentives in the future. How GB can help: Outreach about initiative options, educate the public about solar, EV, etc. GA buys solar, they do not own it (self build). KYR idea-Field trip to Don Armel's house to see solar panels? GA Power Fleet is in the process of going EV. Marcos is going to check when the last audit of City buildings was.

**III. Old Business:**

- A. GreenFest: GA Power outreach opportunity and/or possible incentive for a small group of people to do a pilot program or a demo about how solar works. Posters will be printed because there were no corrections. Survey will be available, what do we want to know: Environmentally speaking, what are you passionate about, pro & con? What keeps you from recycling? What ways are you already implementing green initiatives? What are successful programs you've seen in other cities? What green behavior is most important for kids to learn/do? (MS-Add these to the survey and add energy efficiency to checklist sheet; rephrase riparian buffer to natural vegetation buffer). GB booth reps: KYR, VD, LL-Will ask KS & BH.
- B. Bike City, Carolyn: 1st step is to look at City transportation map, 2009 is the most recent with joint City & County but in the process of revising it (Marcos will give us an update). Get public input on where bike routes should be based on new map and new growth. JC-there are Apps (Pointz) specifically for cyclists similar to Waze, are any folks around here using them?

**IV. Action Items:**

- Marcos is working on getting us a bus map, zoning ordinances and updated transportation map
- Carolyn is looking into whether cyclists and bikers in Statesboro are using any bike routes apps like Pointz
- Mel is adding questions to the survey and spreadsheet for GF booth
- Kris is looking into a field trip to see solar panels at someone's house

Adjournment: 7:25 PM VD-1st, KYR-2nd