

Commission Members:

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AGENDA

Greener Boro Commission: 6:00 PM Thursday, August 7, 2025
City Council Chambers

I. Call to order - Lissa

Present: Jon, Don, Lissa, Andrew, Marcos, Jill, Helen

Absent: Alyson, David, Victor

Guests: Shari Barr-city council, Timeka Shannon-KSBB, Shawn Diddie-tree board

II. Approval of minutes from June 5, 2025 - Jon motion, Lissa second

III. Old Business:

- A. Bicycle survey update - Marcos approved it and it's ready to go on the website. Shawn asked whether motorized scooters were allowed in bike lanes/trails? We believe they are.
- B. Tree rebate/ tree cover flyer update- water bill mailing (Marcos) - ready to go in the water bill for next month
- C. Alternative weed control update (Marcos) - Timeka updated us regarding the vinegar/salt solution application at the community garden. It worked pretty well, but the weeds needed to be cut before adding the solution. The city has tested the torch weed remover and they found that it "stains" cement and rocks, so can't be used near sidewalks, art park, etc. It could work at the community garden.
- D. Fix It Fairs (Formerly Fix-It Fridays)
 - 1. Report from Jul 26 Farmers Market (Lissa, Jill) - we had supplies to make homemade napkins and napkin rings. Several kids were excited to do the project. We also had literature about how much waste is produced using paper towels/paper napkins.
 - 2. New dates
 - i. Saturday, November 1 at RecycleFest - yes
 - ii. Friday, November 14 at Tractors & Tunes - will not participate this day
 - iii. December 12 Holiday Celebration - yes

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E. All-American Cities Competition report and take-home directives (Helen) -

Statesboro was a finalist, but did not win. The theme this year was environmental sustainability. The Statesboro members picked up a lot of innovative information. Charles Penny was very interested in the cooling block initiative - GB will look into this. We would like to recommend some environmentally friendly options for the new parking lot on W Main. Helen, Jon, Lissa, and Mak will work on this initiative.

F. Statesboro Bulloch Resilience Network update (Helen) - They are currently working on a mission statement. They plan to reach out to other stakeholders. Incore is software that will be available for use by Statesboro engineers/planners**IV. New Business****A. KSBB partnership - Greener Boro Business discussion (Lissa, Timeka) -** On Tybee (Turtle Friendly Business) - no straws, no plastic bags, no styrofoam. KSBB and GB will collaborate on how we can accomplish something similar in Statesboro. First step will be to survey businesses to see what they are interested and willing to do - Phillip at Three Tree and Abel at El Sombrero are two good starting points. Subcommittee - Timeka, Lissa, Mak

- add ksbb@statesboro.gov to agenda email

B. Other - Shawn discussed arbor day event tentatively on February 21. GB and other groups could be there to educate, maybe have vendors**V. Adjournment -** Don motioned, Helen seconded

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.*