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AGENDA

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

Attendees: Commission: Karen Sanders, Jon Cook, Carolyn Altman, Melanie Sparrow, Lissa Leege, Kris Yager-Rushton; Non Commission: Amanda Clements, Holly Sawyer, KSBB Board member George Fletcher

- I. Call to order: 6pm
- II. Approval of minutes from April 6, 2023: JC 1st, KR 2nd
- III. New Business
 - A. Partnership ideas discussion with Keep Statesboro Bulloch Beautiful board membership (**Green Star Business?** Mapping sustainability in Statesboro? Other?)
 - **Long Term:** Green (Star) Business: other cities have something similar for general business. We need to decide criteria for this program-MT.
 - Discussion on how to “enforce” and how to pay for the “award” they are receiving for participating; i.e. sticker for the window. Printing options from the city; Canva account could be used for digital packet. Amanda can work on digital design & themes.
 - Green America
<https://www.greenamerica.org/people-and-planet-award> ;
<https://www.dinegreen.com/>
 - Sub committee: Karen & Bill
 - Restaurant suggestions to approach: Sugar Magnolia, Three Tree, El Sombrero; DSDA contacts via Elena (possibly work through them?). Discussion on how to market to the businesses-what is their incentive?
 - Database needed on webpage; ask Visit Statesboro to publicize; social media polls/posts until database is created.
 - Idea about “passports” for kids to participate in visiting these restaurants/businesses.

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- Bill Herring offered to donate \$500 to assist with printing fees, etc.
- Aluminum cup idea for Summer Concert Series. Amanda suggested budgeting for that next year.
- **Short Term Summer Concert Series/June 1st The Tams:** Ask food trucks if they will switch *something* for Summer Concert series, etc. then we will give a “green star award”. Print green star logo & place on their truck; advertise on social media who participated; ask people to BYOContainer. Ask the DSDA to switch to paper cups.
- **What to ask from Vendors:**
 - Food from Farmers Market
 - No plastic bags
 - Paper or aluminum instead of styrofoam
 - Paper or agave straws
 - BYOContainer
 - Water cooler instead of plastic water bottles
- Work with DSDA for First Fridays to implement the above
- Subcommittee: LL, KS; Carolyn will write a letter
- Printed green star with KSBB & GB logos

B. Holly mentioned that BYOC incentives, discussion followed.

C. Summary of community input for Greener Boro (Carolyn)

-3 total Outreach events: Trinity, Botanic Garden, GreenFest

-Facebook group suggestion

-Suggestion to take these community surveys to different community areas; i.e. diverse cultural and social backgrounds

-Request city to improve pocket parks

-Discussion about bike get together & bike lessons on Greenway Trail

-Use Georgia Southern as the model for making Statesboro more walkable

D. New member proposals

-Rolling off: Karen, Bill, Mel, Jon and Carolyn

-Carolyn will be happy to serve on a subcommittee

-Mel can serve as a community partner via ORK

-How to apply TBD

IV. Old Business

A. Website & Survey distribution plans

B. Repair Cafe organization/staffing: May 20th sewing/alterations cafe at the farmers market. MS, KS & LL will assist.

V. Adjournment at 7:40pm: 1st KS, 2nd MS

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Action Items:

- Marcos will follow up with City about reimbursement for Lissa
- Mel & Carolyn will get list together for vendors at Summer Concert Series
- Mel will contact Farmers Market about Repair Cafe on 5/20
- Unassigned-Reach out to DSDA/Elena McLendon about working with them for First Fridays
- Amanda, Marcos will talk with Olympia & Mr. Penny about approval for Summer Concert series