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AGENDA

Greener Boro Commission: 6:00 PM Thursday, May 1, 2025

City Council Chambers

Present: David, Jon, Don, Lissa, Andrew, Shari, Alyson, Marcos, Victor

Absent: Jill, Helen, Mak

- I. Call to order - Lissa
- II. Approval of minutes from April 3, 2025 – motion: Andrew, second: David
- III. New Business
 - A. Introduction of new KSBB Coordinator Timeka Shannon – Previously worked on litter prevention and recycling on Tybee. For Statesboro, she’s interested in waste reduction and recycling. She’s active for KSBB on their website and on Instagram and Facebook and updates those with KSBB with events. The last Wednesday of every month, KSBB does a Lotts Creek clean up. KSBB will have a Great American Cleanup sometime before June 20. Timeka is also looking at grants for the community to apply for. Lissa mentioned Greener Boro’s interest in encouraging businesses to move away from single-use plastics. Timeka has ideas about how to do this, including seeking funding from grants, such as Plastic-Free Restaurants. Lissa suggested a quarterly downtown Recycle Fest and described Fix-it-Friday.
 - B. Revisit Fix It Friday – Lissa gave history. She has reached out to Elena with DSDA to suggest we tag on to their quarterly dates. Upcoming dates are August 1 – Pep Rally; Oct. 3 – Ag Night; Dec. 12 – Christmas. Timeka suggested press releases to advertise events. Victor suggested Brian at the radio station for advertising. Don motioned we do these dates. Victor seconded.

We revisited the history of recycling in Statesboro. Lissa suggested putting the topic on the agenda for a future meeting.

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C. Planning of bicycle promotional event – Lissa suggested coordinating with the Athens to Savannah ride on the Hi-Low Trail Oct. 23-26. This would be a major event for Greener Boro to plan. Andres explained the ride's route in the past. Timeka suggested a bike parade: families would decorate their bikes and bike together down a particular street. Motion to pursue a bike event on that weekend: Don; second: David. Shari remembered there's a yearly bike camp for kids at Seven Mile Farm.

D. Cancel July 3 meeting? Yes – Motion: Andrew; second: Victor. We may schedule a meeting for another date in July.

IV. Old Business:

A. Bicycle Infrastructure:

1. Any update re: sharrows, signage? (Andrew, Don, Jill) Andrew emailed David Moyer but hasn't heard back. Marcos suggested cc'ing him on all emails so he can follow up with David Moyer and share with Brad (city engineer). Lissa suggested mentioning our upcoming Oct. bike festival in future emails to David.

2. Update on map to release to city (Lissa, Helen) Lissa and Helen shared our map of existing bike trails at the last resilience meeting. The map hasn't been shared with the city or made available to the public yet. David asked if we were taking public comments on our map.

** Shari suggested we table at the farmers' market the Saturday before the Aug. 1 event to advertise us. KSBB has four dates at the farmers' market already and invited us to join their table if we can't get one for ourselves. We should give KSBB our Fix-it-Friday dates and ad for them to share on their farmers' market days.

B. City herbicide use follow-up - letter completed and sent to Marcos. He will send it to Jason. The city has started testing the torch downtown and will begin a study area at the community garden to test the vinegar-solution pesticide.

C. Tree cover promotion: flyer for water bill (Don, Lissa). Don described the changes he made to the original flyer. We discussed edits. We don't yet have permission to include with city bills. We need to finalize the flyer before asking for permission. Shari reminded us we need to time our tree-planting encouragement

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so it happens during tree-planting season. Richard encourages fall planting because spring planting requires watering throughout the summer.

- D. Resilience Workshop April 11 report back (Lissa, Shari) Shari complemented Lissa and Helen's work at the workshop. Participants in the workshop include Grice Connect, churches, emergency volunteers, the food bank, the hospital, the city engineer, KSBB, etc. One goal is for the different parties to coordinate efforts. Marcos discussed an open-source modeling program that simulates what will happen in specific areas during flood conditions.

V. Adjournment. Motion: David. Second: Don.

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.*