

Commission Members:

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AGENDA

Greener Boro Commission: 6:00 PM Thursday, September 4, 2025
City Council Chambers

I. Call to order - Lissa

Present: Jon, Don, Lissa, Andrew, Jill, Helen, Mak, Alyson, Victor, David

Absent: Marcos Trejo

Guests: Timeka Shannon-KSBB, Charity Lynn, David Moyer-city, Shari Barr-city council

II. Approval of minutes from August 7, 2025 - Helen motion, Andrew second

III. Old Business:

- A. Bicycle map/survey update (Marcos/Lissa) - map and survey will be added to GB website this week - Timeka will add it to KSBB website - Mak will add to Sustain Southern newsletter/website - Other options for visibility: Visit Statesboro newsletter - flyer at the bus station across from post office - flyer at greenway
- B. Tree rebate/ tree cover flyer update- water bill mailing (Marcos) - Marcos was not at the meeting, so will follow up with him next month
- C. Alternative weed control update (Marcos) - will follow up with Marcos next month regarding the city's use. Many homeowners have used the vinegar/salt/dish soap mixture with great success. GB members will continue to educate the public on alternative solutions and the dangers of using harsh chemicals for weed control.
- D. Cooling concrete update (Helen, others) - City has asked the designers to consider a pervious surface for the new parking lot on W Main St. Concrete drive with paver spaces would be ideal. The GB subcommittee did lots of research on alternative solutions. Maybe GB could send recommendations.
- E. Greener Boro Business update and commission discussion (Timeka, Mak, Lissa)
 - 1. Need to do fact finding, need community support, need to educate the public about plastic waste at restaurants/retail/offices/convenience stores
 - 2. Contact the small business commission and the Chamber of Commerce - they may know businesses we could target

IV. New Business

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- A. GIPL rewilding tree initiative (Lissa, Helen) - GIPL received a federal grant to provide 1,800 trees to communities that lack adequate tree canopy. Statesboro is a candidate and could receive 100-200 trees.
- B. Greener Marketing (Helen) - Columbia county was successful with a county cleanup project - participants/businesses utilized stickers to promote the project
- C. RecycleFest - Sat, Nov 1, 10am-1pm on E Vine St. GB will have a fixit station. Also, on Friday, Oct 24 there will be a tree giveaway at the Food Bank and fruit tree planting.

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.*