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AGENDA

Greener Boro Commission
Thursday, October 6, 2022
6:00 PM
City Council Chambers

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of minutes from September 1, 2022
- III. Old Business
 - A. GreenFest updates
 - B. Survey discussion/distribution
- IV. New Business
 - A. Discussion of Greener Boro objectives (with measurable outcomes) - to add to bylaws
 - B. Grant opportunities
- V. Adjournment

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.*

Goals:

1. *Advance and encourage environmentally sustainable practices and ideas within the City for all its residents and visitors. Sustainable ideas and practices include, but are not limited to, those that impact City operations and facilities, new development and re-development, green space, transportation, waste management and reduction, City ordinances, local businesses, neighborhoods, homeowners, and residents.*
2. *Collaborate with City staff to implement and update these strategies and goals.*
3. *Provide recommendations and suggestions to the City Council regarding laws, ordinances, rules, programs, and funding that promote sustainability.*
4. *Work in cooperation with other City boards, commissions, and committees to promote sustainability policies and programs.*

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5. Promote sustainability awareness at city events or at the request of interested individuals or groups.

6. Conduct occasional community surveys to understand the local perspective on sustainability and on the progress the community feels is necessary.

Objectives contributed by 9/19/22

Mel: "Work towards sustainable initiatives that are *reasonable, attainable and relevant* to the majority of the Statesboro community."

Lissa: Draw down emissions through implementation of sustainability initiatives (green space, transportation, renewables, waste reduction, electricity/retrofits)

Jon

-Design and implement measures within the COS aimed at reducing waste, increasing recycling, and changing perceptions regarding "Green" initiatives.

-Create opportunities for further educating the public regarding "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" initiatives.

Carolyn

1. Completed safe, highly visible, clearly marked bicycle commuter lanes on two north south and two east west routes in the city.

2. The creation of a Sustainability Enforcement staff position to make sure that codes are followed initially and over time.

3. An effort to reducing single use packaging in Statesboro. We could look to other communities and countries as to how to accomplish this.

4. A requirement for a certain amount of PUBLIC greenspace per so many housing units. This PUBLIC space should have a certain number of mature trees, or trees that will be of significant size at maturity to help with cooling and stormwater control. This does not include yards or sidewalks, which are for transportation.

Karen

Provide electric vehicle charging stations.

Provide or enhance parks and public spaces to be multifunctional gathering spaces.

Promote pedestrian-centered development that enhances safety and quality of life.

Promote walkability with multipurpose trails.

Encourage various modes of transportation through protected bike paths, pedestrian paths, and improved connections between amenities.

Kristine

To increase and improve bicycle lanes and walking paths, including providing shade on these paths.

Encourage homeowners and maybe even try to subsidize tree planting.