



**MILTON GROWS GREEN COMMITTEE**  
**MAY 16, 2012 MINUTES [APPROVED]**

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*Date:* May 16, 2012, 6:30 - 7:35 pm

*Place:* Fire Station #43, 750 Hickory Flat Road, Milton, GA 30004

*Attendees:* Jack Lindon, Francia Lindon, Jon McPhail and Amy Peters.

*I. Agenda:* It was posted on the City's web site.

*II. Approval of Minutes:* No minutes were approved.

*III. Old Business & Updates:*

- **Solid Waste Ordinance** – Cindy – Discussion involved requirements for verification and reporting from haulers and at the same time making it more attractive to recycle. How to encourage HOAs to limit the number of haulers in a subdivision. Who decides what the overall goals of the City's recycle program are? City council could assign MGG to come up with a list of recommendations. Or they can define areas they want us to put our fingers on; areas they want to improve; here's how to better measure and encourage recycling; etc. Or MGG can come up with a list of suggestions on how to improve collection/recycling system and City Council can enact recommendation as part of a new trash hauling ordinance. In any case we need a baseline assessment of what's being done now.

MGG would like to get Matt Marietta's blessing before we proceed. He is the one in charge. Perhaps he could lay out some of the goals. Cindy wants to get some interested individuals together to discuss this further. Also we should include haulers' perspective.

Some MGG members visited the new Advanced Disposal Single Stream Recycling Plant in Forsyth. We talked about how low-tech the recycling operation was at the plant. It is open to other haulers who operate in the area and should make recycling more attractive because of its proximity to Milton.

We have the use of a summer intern to call other cities to find out how they enforce and handle hauling. He could also call Milton HOAs and "Open Roads" group (unofficial groups not in subdivisions) for their input.

- **ARC Green Communities Certification** – Cindy – breakfast presentation will be made to the City. Submission to the ARC has to be made by May 25<sup>th</sup>. We are close but this is a hard one to make and we're not sure we'll make minimal requirements. There was a discussion about incorporating some LEEDs standards in the new Milton public safety building. This would be a policy decision but City Council doesn't want to require LEEDs certification for the building. Some aspirational goals in energy savings would help in gaining certification.
- **Keep Georgia Beautiful Affiliation/Keep N. Fulton Beautiful** – Jack gave to Jon the KNFB By-laws and Certification from Marc Arrington via Kathy Reed of KNFB. Kathy said she didn't know if the documents were "public." Jon said they were by law. Jack said we still don't know if KNFB was going to relinquish the "Keep Milton Beautiful" title to MGG yet but the request had been made to KNFB and was in the works. City Council has already passed a resolution saying that they wanted MGG to be the city's representative with KGB so it's just a matter of getting it done. Jon suggested that we just submit an application to Keep Georgia Beautiful to represent Milton and see what happens.

- **Rivers Alive** – Jack wants to look into whether or not we will keep the same set up for the event as it's been in previous years. MGG will organize the event and Bailey Farm & Gardens will provide the initial staging venue. Jack suggested talking to Bill Bailey to find out if they still wanted to do it. The Dept. of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch runs the fall event state-wide and provides the T-shirts. We would need to register our date with them (RiversAlive.org). This is something that Julie Bailey has handled in the past.

#### **IV. New Business:**

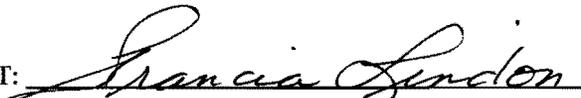
- **National Wildlife Federation, Milton Community Wildlife Habitat Certification Project** – Jack talked about John's Creek just gaining certification and what it took. Jon thought it would a great project for a high school environmental club. Francia listed the requirements and process for individual yards to become certified. MGG had information on establishing a wildlife sanctuary as part of its booth at Earth Day. This is an important component for a community to become certified. Jack suggested we invite the John's Creek H.S. student who let the effort there to come and talk to us about how he accomplished this and what's required. Cindy was heavily involved in this effort. Milton Garden Club has a number of yards already certified.

Jack said that there were three areas he'd like to see MGG focus on over the next 3 months, Solid Waste/Recycling issues, Backyard Wildlife Habitat Certification and ARC Green Communities Certification.

- **Earth Day, April 20, 2013.** Possible dates for the event were discussed and how the dates might conflict with school vacations.

MGG Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm

  
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 Jon B. McPhail, Co-chair

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 Francia Lindon, Secretary