



MILTON GROWS GREEN COMMITTEE

JUNE 13, 2012 MINUTES [APPROVED]

 ORIGINAL

Date: June 13, 2012, 6:30-8:00 pm

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

Attendees: Jack Lindon, Cindy Eade, Julie Pinckney, Bruce Langston, Will Check (city intern).

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

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

III. Old Business:

- **Sustainable Practices Resolution** – Presentation to council at work session on 6/11 and there was good feedback and some questions. Council can ask questions and it will be voted on 7/2. This puts all the sustainable city measures into one document and follows the Green Communities certification. PowerPoint is available if anyone wants to see it from Cindy.
- **Adopt a Road** – Julie and Cindy met after meeting to review planning. Very little work necessary to keep it going at this point. Cindy to provide master list to Julie, letter to update volunteers to go out within a week.
- **ARC's Green City Certification** – Application was sent in May 25th to apply for bronze status. Took a lot of effort on Michele McIntosh Ross's and Cindy to coordinate. Thanks to Bruce Langston for helping and getting us going on the city being an Energy Star Partner. We have until the end of Oct. to complete some projects, and awards will be given in December.

IV. New Business:

- **National Wildlife Certification Project (Will Check)** – Will is an intern for Community Development this summer, a rising senior at Blessed Trinity HS. Cindy asked him if he would lead the project to get the committee organized to register the project, and put a plan in motion to get certified as a NWF Community Wildlife Habitat. Will is going to be working with Malcolm Barnard in Johns Creek, a student who spent 2 years getting JC certified. He will be meeting with Chris Lagerbloom to get a letter of commitment signed by Chris on 6-15. The first committee meeting will be July 11, 7 PM (following our MGG meeting at 6 PM). Jack Lindon and Bruce Langston expressed interest in being on the NWF committee. A kick off meeting will be held on July 16 at 5:30 prior to the City council meeting. Jack expressed interest in having Kathy Johnson involved to get the schools certified, Bill Lusk will be asked to be the council liaison and on the committee, we will have a public announcement to ask for committee volunteers from the community and will create a webpage for the city website. Will is researching Better Together Grant opportunity for start up funding.
- **Rivers Alive (Cindy)** – Julie ZB would like to continue having Rivers Alive and is coordinating schedules with High school and fall commitments to get a fall date. Bruce has volunteered to help with clean up locations, Jack suggested maybe focusing on 10 clean up sites.
- **Solid Waste (Cindy)** – Here is a compilation of concerns and suggestions made by MGG over the years that we will focus on addressing this summer. Julie P. and Jack have offered to help with this effort. Cindy will be attending a solid waste meeting at ARC, Tuesday June 19th if anyone wants to accompany her.

o **Solid Waste Concerns:**

- Ordinance in Place that is not being enforced
- We have no baseline data on trash and recycling tonnage
- There are rogue haulers that are not registered
- We are not receiving 5% franchise fee from some haulers
- Not all haulers are picking up or even offering recycling
- Not all haulers offer back door service.
- Too many haulers traversing Milton roads
- Inconsistencies occur in our ordinance about infrastructure maintenance fee
- Solid waste page on website needs to be updated
- Commercial recycling difficult as enclosures don't provide enough space for recycling dumpster
- There are unsightly dumpsters around Milton with the perception that the city doesn't enforce compliance.... should be in enclosures.
- No options for composting – horse manure, yard clippings.

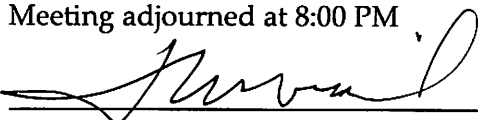
o **Plans for Improvement:**

- Survey to go out to community, in July newsletter to research concerns.
- Phone survey by intern for commercial customers (businesses, restaurants, golf communities) and recycling needs.
- Check with Alpharetta on city wide composting
- Analyze data and draw conclusions.
- Update city's webpage for solid waste.
- Ask haulers for tonnage data beginning 2012.
- Follow up with haulers that are not in compliance-personal meeting.
- Suggest annual signing of contract and communication of requirements.
- Follow up with haulers that are not offering/ doing recycling.

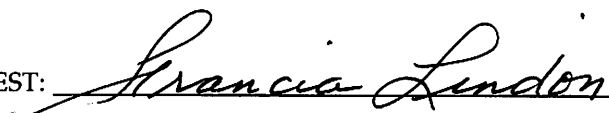
- **Future MGG meeting dates:** At the consensus of the board, meetings have been changed to Wednesdays with the majority being at night to involve working people...and occasionally lunchtime to involve city staff. (ECR is executive conference room; BFS is Birmingham Fire Station.)

July 11	6:00-7:00	ECR	MGG meeting.	7:00 NWF planning meeting (all invited).
Aug. 8	6:30-8:00	ECR	MGG meeting	
Sept. 12	Noon-1:30	ECR	MGG meeting	
Oct. 10	6:30-8:00	ECR	MGG meeting	
Nov. 14	6:30-8:00	BFS	MGG meeting	
Dec. 12	6:30-800	ECR	MGG meeting	

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM



 Jon B. McPhail, Co-chair

ATTEST: 

 Francina Lindon, Secretary