



MILTON GROWS GREEN COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2012 MINUTES [APPROVED]



**Date:** September 12, 2012, Noon to 1:30 PM

**Place:** Executive Conference Room, Milton City Hall, 13000 Deerfield Parkway, Milton, GA 30004

**Attendees:** Cindy Eade, Jack Lindon, Francia Lindon, Kathy Johnson, Teresa Sticlels, Lily Pavo, Kathy Field and Michele Macintosh-Ross. Jason Wright and Jim Cregge came about midway through.

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

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

**III. Announcements & Updates:**

- **Community Development Update, Kathy Field** – Form Based Code overlay for the Crabapple area was passed by City Council June 18<sup>th</sup> with a Transfer Development Rights (TDR) ordinance in place so we can “save the farms” and increase density in certain areas such Crabapple and LCI. She explained “Form Based Code” as a way for the city to control the zoning by form, architecture style, height, etc. of the building as opposed to the use. The new code doesn't differentiate on the basis of use. It gets the City planners out of the business of playing “market expert.” The market place will determine the use with some restrictions. Nine projects are currently going on in Crabapple. A City Architect has been hired to help. “We are building a village lot by lot.” Required parking has become a limiting factor. Developers are now combining parcels and sharing parking area. It's an educational issue.

This model, Form Based Code, is being replicated in the Deerfield/Rt. 9 area. The City has developed and approved a master plan. These are cutting-edge tools for planning. This area will be much more intensely developed as vertical mixed use. First “stake holder” meeting was just held. Expect to be finished by next March.

City Council has put into the budget funding for hazardous waste collection thanks to MGG do-chair Jack Lindon who contacted each City Council member. Estimated cost has come down by about 50% since it was first proposed due to some new vendors who have entered the market.

The ARC Green Communities certification deadline is October 5<sup>th</sup>. Two new policies related to purchasing recyclable materials have been proposed. Recyclable material cannot cost more than 10% over regular. The second is related to green building. Any construction costing more than \$25,000 to be “LEED certified must be approved by City Council. This is going before the Council October 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **Michele Macintosh-Ross.** A Tree Management plan was developed and just needs to be adopted by City Council. It includes an inventory and overall tree canopy study and represents 5 points towards Milton's Green Communities certification and it also has a maintenance plan.
- **Milton Roundup October 20<sup>th</sup>, noon to 6:00 PM, Jason Wright** – Not a volunteer run event. City has hired JRM. Management Co. to run it. Event has been pared down to its most popular elements, rides, games, music and food. Also it's not going to be as commercial. MGG will host the Kids Green Activities tent which will be 20x30 ft. Will also have 1 big City tent, information, resource guides, etc. Milton Herald is the sponsor Kids Activities and will have an activity in our tent. It's one of the most popular aspects of the event. The Milton Neighbor by the stage location will handle newspaper hats. Have 21 sponsors so far and 3 food vendors - pizza, BBQ and hamburgers and hotdogs through the church. Food must be prepared on a non-pervious surface so food trucks are a good solution. Jason plans to ask the ones that go to the Crabapple festival this year.

Cindy passed out a layout for the Kids Activity Area. It's going to be green – Jack has birdhouses from HomeDepot. Young Men's Service League has been asked to volunteer for the interactive green activities tent for kids. Cindy will also ask Verizon group and Hopewell M.S. Ken Hughes will set up worm composting. Will also have Halloween crafts, Clean Air balloon, rain barrels and "Choices" poster. We can use banner from Earth Day but Jason is going to have something made that mentions the Milton Herald. Planning on having 6 hours of varied entertainment on a single stage.

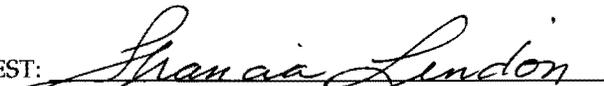
- *Jim Cregge – New Parks and Recreation Director* – Was introduced. Has been involved with community for about 17 years. Was on the recreation commission in Alpharetta. He wanted to learn more about MGG. Strategy for parks right now getting programming from outside source providers. Focus is on development of facilities. Bell Memorial Park recycling didn't work well and is now defunct. Recycling bins used indiscriminately for trash. The dumpster was being used by community because it was available for free. Contamination was way over the top. Advanced Disposal stopped collecting. So recycling bins are gone now. Dumpster is in a new location and being used by Optech. MGG needs to revisit program and start over. Trash container needs to be side by side with recycling bin and both clearly labeled. Waste at Bell Memorial is fairly specific. Don't get a whole lot of trash. Do get drink and food containers. City is paying for hauling, as is part of Optech's contract so there's some economy of means. It would probably cost more to hire an outside company dedicated to hauling trash from park. Jim wants to restart the recycling program.

Jim is looking at some initial designs for newly acquired park land and is interested in having it be "green," such as in incorporating a NWF Wildlife Habitat. Deerfield Park is of particular interest. He's interested in getting people working together.

There was some discussion on use planning for Birmingham Park although it's not an area of current focus. A group of citizens approached Jim with a proposal for limited development at Birmingham Park, a "temporary" rodeo rink, lights, sewer and stands to accommodate about 9,000 people. He said the chances of something like that being put in place were slim to none.

MGG Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

  
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*Jon B. McPhail, Co-chair*

ATTEST:   
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*Francina Lindon, Secretary*