



MILTON GROWS GREEN COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 12, 2014 MINUTES [APPROVED]

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**Date:** February 12, 2014, 6:30 to 8:30 PM

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

**Attendees:** Jack Lindon, Gail Gill, Cindy Eade, Sarah Hardgrove Thomas, Joe Lamp'l, Kathy Johnson, Francia Lindon, Donna Liberatore, Mark Law, Jon McPhail, Michael Blitz (Cambridge HS) and Frank Buckman (Closed Loop Organics).

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

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

**III. Old Business:**


- **Household Hazardous Chemical and Paint Collection:** Is scheduled for Feb. 22, 9 AM - 1 PM at Bell Memorial Park. EcoFlo has been fantastic to work with. Kathy will work 10-12 with Marc A., Jennifer G. from 8-10 AM. Margaret Lamb has been very helpful with putting registrations on spreadsheet. Suggested we accept confirmations via phone (save paper).
- **Adopt-A-Stream:** Jennifer and Jack are organizing a training session for March 8, 1 PM at Hickory Flat Fires Station or Margaret Lamb's house (in White Columns). Dissolved Oxygen test best if done at streamside. Birmingham Falls E.S. considering A-A-S in their 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum science lab. Cindy to provide map of local streams for training session.
- **Earth Day Planning:** Event is April 19<sup>th</sup> at Friendship Community Park. Need to focus on getting more environmental vendors and green businesses. Will have an NWF display at Earth Day as part of MGG booth.
- **Adopt-A-Road:** No report.
- **Preserve Rural Milton (PRM):** A resident, Laura Rencher, who also wants to be an MGG member, has invited everyone to a meeting on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at restaurant next to I Love NY Pizza to address the loss of open space. Laura's invited speaker Carol Hassell of GA Piedmont Land Trust/Suwanee City Council person, a knowledgeable resource on preservation. Cindy has been trying to get as much information as possible but is not supposed to be working with Laura until the City Council says they want staff to move forward. The big news is City Council has called a 30-day moratorium on accepting any new rezoning requests. Jack talked about his experience instituting a conservation ordinance in North Andover, MA.  
  
Laura Rencher and Abby Laboda are working on educating the community including developers. PRM wants to have a booth at Earth Day. Next Wednesday is a meeting of the planning commission to look at the rural view sheds and setbacks looking for public input. We all agreed there is a need to preserve the rural view sheds and it is a big part of the comprehensive plan.
- **Keep Georgia Beautiful / Keep Milton Beautiful:** Jack reported on a discussion with Chris Logerbloom. Chris has gotten more information on forming an affiliate. There is

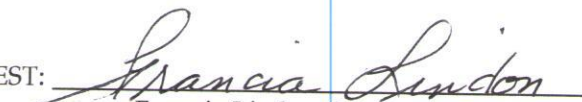
a \$3,000 fee for training sessions for members and an annual fee to join. On the plus side it would make us more eligible for grants. Has branding recognition. Criticism is that it is a "greenwash" for corporations on its Board of Directors who contribute a lot to pollution. Projects promoted are mostly cleanup and joining would require a serious commitment from at least 5 members. KGB involves serious record keeping on amount of trash collected.

### III. New Business:

- **Presentation by MetroTech Net:** (Michael and Nick) MetroTech is developing technologies that turn video feeds from traffic and security cameras into data that can be used to better synchronize traffic lights. Creates real-time traffic information from any video stream and publishes it via the web to applications, mobile phones and connected vehicles. Archives can also use the technology to design solutions to mitigate backups. Monitors incidents for quick responses. Local governments are MetroTech's initial market but they also plan to sell data to private companies such as UPS and individual commuters. Are currently monitoring Peachtree & Piedmont and up to I-20 in Buckhead. Governments need to install infrastructure - mast arms at major intersections equipped with fiber optics and cameras. Possible busy intersections in Milton would include Cogburn at Bethany Bend, Bethany Bend at Rt. 9. They are doing a pilot project with Alpharetta for Windward Pkwy. from Rt. 400 west. They have talked to the Clean Air Campaign - traffic relief would help clean air. Have also talked to Matt Kunz.
- **Arbor Day:** Mark Law spoke about doing some kind of joint Arbor Day program at Earth Day Festival. Has access to tree seedlings from NWF that we could give out to promote Arbor Day and teach proper tree planting. Would like to consider a photo contest for great Milton trees. Select entries in Feb. 2015 and frame them to display at new library or City Hall. Banner promoting "Champion Trees of Milton" or "Outstanding Trees of Milton". Post on Facebook page to promote. Could have maps locating these outstanding trees.
- **Boy Scout Troop 3000 Recycling Event:** March 15, 9 AM to 1 PM. We need to help with promoting. Recycle electronics, metal, and document shredding.
- **MGG Meeting Schedule:** Decided that the second Thursday of each month would work better for the group overall, at 6:30 PM in Executive Conference Room (get more participation with evening meetings).
- **Conservation Subdivision Visit:** Walt Rekuc, who is on the Board of Zoning Appeals and is a developer, has offered to show us his conservation subdivision in Suwanee. Interested folks should RSVP to Cindy.
- **The Georgia Water Coalition:** Kathy Johnson talked about her day in the GA legislature and a bill the GA Water Coalition (62 different environmental organizations in GA) opposed, Senate Bill 213 - allows the E.P.D. Director to prohibit certain permittees from withdrawing water from the Flint River downstream of an augmentation project. Farmers also opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

  
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Jack Lindon, Co-chair

ATTEST:   
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Francina Lindon, Secretary