

ROCK HILL CLEAN & GREEN

Mission Statement: *To promote litter reduction, beautification and recycling through public awareness, education and special events designed to reach every segment of the population; To make recommendations to city government on programs, policies and codes which impact these issues.*

Minutes

January 2, 2024

5:30pm

Present: Jacob Saylor, Cliff Harris, Gale Moore, Gary Bottomley, Julie Johnson, Melissa Chapman, Chris Johnson, Nadja Chorak, Ben Miskelly

Absent: Jeananne Musgrove, Brienne Mobley, Grace Lewis

Excused: Elizabeth Sefton, Charlie Ruffalo

Staff: Renee Burt, Melody Kearse

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of Minutes of November Minutes. Nadja made motion to approve, Gary seconded, minutes approved 8-0.
3. Board Goals: See back page for updated for goals.
 - a. Send note to Nathan about litter pick up for Bethel crew on North end of Cherry– Renee will handle
 - b. Mt Gallant Rd from Cherry to Anderson area identified as a litter hotspot.
 - c. Woodland UMC mini food pantry – pantries in general need trash cans. Board will identify and reach out to organizations.
4. Subcommittee Goals:
 - a. Committee Sign Up Sheets and Subcommittee - Had open discussion about Bags to Benches program and how it operates, and Board discussed recycling center and trash pickups this year due to rain and overwhelming holiday trash. Maybe do some outreach long before Christmas to encourage reduction in trash and encourage use of recyclable materials when available.
5. Past Volunteer Activities
 - a. ChristmasVille – Good turnout but need more outreach. Maybe do activity other than crafts next year.
6. Upcoming Volunteer Activities
 - a. Polar Bear Pickup starts January 19 and runs through February 25. C& G to do pickup on February 3rd at 10am, clean till 12pm, meet in parking lot in front of Norgetown Cleaners (2036 Cherry Road)
 - b. Melody will send out signup sheet to group for distribution.
7. Old Business
 - a. Interest in partnering with Pathways to do a cleanup. Need a Board member to reach out.
8. New Business
 - a. Bags to Benches: November total pounds 103, and December 57 pounds total. 2023 total = 2,627 lbs

- b. Update to Bylaws and adopting of Rosenberg's rules of order. Melody will send comments and revision to Bryan McDaniel to clarification.

Adjourn

Next meeting February 5, 2024, 5:30 PM

Board Goals 2023/2024

- Reduce litter index:
 - Hot Spot Identification program: Board members will send in pictures (text or email) of litter hot spots, and we will encourage others to participate in a cleanup. Outreach through social media.
 - Focus litter cleanups in Wards 1 and 6
- Highlight the local economic benefits and closed loop process of recycling.
- Label event center bins for recycling.
- Plan and complete a beautification project.
 - Work with Neighborhood Services to identify a beautification project.
 - Coordinate yard cleanups before Rolling in Rock Hill with Neighborhood Services.
- Increase awareness about bags to benches program and next steps of taking reusable bags.
- Invite Council Members and Mayor to meetings to give us updates and let us know how we can help.

Litter & Beautification Subcommittee:

- Concentrating on Wards 6 and 1 for meetings if they have neighborhood meetings
- Graffiti around town, reach out to Robin Joas

Recycling Subcommittee:

- Put the educational stickers on the residential roll carts
- ARD recycle sculpture contest plan for 2024

Education Subcommittee:

- Stick with main key events: ChristmasVille, ARD, Earth Day Birthday, Come See Me
- Expand to new events: Could we work with the 5K and 10K and have tabling to have information out at the event. Fundraiser walks, have a presence at those events.