

ROCK HILL CLEAN & GREEN BOARD MEETING

***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

April 9, 2024

5:30pm

1. Call to Order. Gary Called meeting to order.
2. Gale made motion to approve minutes from March 4, 2024, meeting. Gary seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Attendance:
 - a. **Present:** Jacob Saylor, Gary Bottomley, Julie Johnson, Chris Johnson, Gale Moore
 - b. **Not Present:** Jeananne Musgrove, Brienne Mobley, Cliff Harris, Melissa Chapman, Ben Miskelly, Nadja Chorak, Elizabeth Sefton
 - c. **Staff:** Renee Burt, Maria McKee, Terrence Nealy
4. Old Business:
 - a. City council voted last night to reduce the board member size to twelve. Board may have to vote to approve reduction during next meeting.
 - b. Public Works has a \$7,000 budget for the Board, with a remaining balance of \$6781.16.
 - c. We had to purchase 40 grabbers because stock was running low and 5 boxes of trash bags for Come See Me. We will be applying for Palmetto Pride grants in the September. Palmetto Pride did give us 200 trash bags, vests, and gloves.
 - d. Maria will get safety cards printed.
 - e. Check on partnering with Tree Commission with Beautification subcommittee. Trees would have to be planted on public property like city, county or state owned or public-school property.
 - f. Jacob's proposed Organizational Flow chart. Chris had sent suggestions for the flow chart before meeting. Public Works would be assisting board with administrative assistance as record keeping, staff liaison, grant writing, social media, and other administrative items. Public Works could send communications to help develop a working relationship with the Mayor and City Council. We have 2 City Councilmen that are active with Men on a Mission.
 - g. Julie led an education class with the ladies of her church last month. Riverwalk Academy had 19 volunteers litter pickup along Mt Gallant Road. City Parks and Recreation had 2 separate litter pickups with 38 volunteers. Spencer Estates neighborhood had 6-8 volunteers to pickup trash along Princeton Road and

Christopher Circle. Come See Me has told board in past they could not setup an education table for the beach bash. Some board members want to access the storage room to view items Board could use for events.

5. Sub-Committee

- a. Education-No updates
- b. Litter & Beautification
 - i. Cigarette butt receptacles need to be installed at some bus stops. We have a couple cigarette butt receptables in stock we got from Keep SC Beautiful.
 - ii. Coordinate with neighborhoods to encourage litter pickups within their communities.
- c. Recycling
 - i. Need to place education stickers on trash bins
 - ii. Julie will pickup bags from Northside Rec center

6. New Business:

- a. Public Education and Outreach means educating the public.
- b. Julie will check with Leslie at York County to see if they have a game for them to use for Earth Day Birthday. We have coloring books for give aways. Need some promotional give aways ideas.
- c. Proposed Bylaws changes. Add "Citizen" to Advisory Board. Possibility of adding 2 city staff as voting members was discussed. Need to add what liaisons duties are. Reduce subcommittees to Education, Recycling, and Litter & Beautification. Defines roles of the chair and vice-chair positions. Trial role of Planner/Organizer before adding to bylaws. Keep requirement for members to live within RH School district area. Develop master calendar after narrowing down Board's roles.
- d. Board has a business card already, will update it.
- e. Planner/Organizer role would be to interact with litter volunteer groups and send location, date, and number of volunteers for Public Works staff to gather supplies for the group. May also need Planner/Organizer for each subcommittee. Board may need their own email address.
- f. Received all litter index analysis except ward 1. Maria will send last year's litter index to Chris.
- g. 3D, Koppers and some schools are planning future pickup litters.

Chris made motion to adjourn meeting and Jacob seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Next Meeting May 6, 2024