

Commission Members:

Lissa Leege, Helen Rosko, Jill Gerig, David Warren

Don Armel, Jon Cook, Victor Dickey, Andrew Michaud, Alyson Prude

Ex officio: Shari Barr (city council), Mak Perry (student), Marcos Trejo (city liaison)



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AGENDA

Greener Boro Commission: 6:00 PM Thursday, April 3, 2025

City Council Chambers

- I. Call to order
 - GB present: Lissa, Jon, Alyson, Andrew, Jill, David, Don
 - Ex-officio present: Marcos, Mak
 - Guests: Richard Smiley - City of Statesboro
- II. Approval of minutes from March 6, 2025 Alyson motioned to approve, Jon seconded
- III. New Business
 - A. Richard Smiley- COS Streets and Parks Superintendent: tree cover/ tree initiatives in the City of Statesboro; tree board initiatives
 - a. Every new development in the city has to submit a tree plan. The city always request that the property not be clear cut. Tree recovery plan requires 35% tree cover. A few stipulations like heritage trees can't be cut down without a permit. Sq ft of trees (Small-250,Med-500,Large-1500). At least 1 tree is required in yards of new developments and must be 3" in diameter. Tree rebate program - older subdivision property owners can get \$150 per tree per year that is planted. Statesboro has been a Tree City USA for 32 years in a row.
 - B. Discussion of mechanisms for GB to encourage tree cover (Alyson)
 - a. City's rebate program
 - b. Education video that could be played at our next event
 - c. Coordinate with tree board to create documentation/flyer/postcard
 - d. Contact garden clubs
 - e. Contact HOAs
 - f. Partner with Botanic Garden to educate homeowners on tree care
 - g. Don and Lissa will create a one pager that possibly could be mailed out with city water bill
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Report back r.e. bike maps and signage meeting w/city (Andrew, Don, Jill)

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- a. We reported that we discussed signage/sharrows with David Moyer specifically for Gentilly Rd and Georgia Ave. David needs to discuss this with the city council and city manager. New city engineer begins April 18. We would like him to attend one of our meetings soon.
- B. City herbicide use follow-up
 - a. Updated letter with scientific support is ready to send to Marcos
- C. Resilience Workshop April 11, 1-3; GB to present progress on bicycle initiatives in city
 - a. Lissa will touch base with the bike subcommittee before attending the workshop
- V. Adjournment - Don motioned to adjourn, David seconded

Mission: *Continue to grow a resilient, welcoming and healthy Statesboro in which wise planning meets the clean air, water and other livability needs of all, including future generations.*