

**Commission Members:**

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



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AGENDA

Greener Boro Commission  
Thursday, February 6, 2025  
6:00 PM  
City Council Chambers

- I. Call to order
  - a. GB present: Lissa, Jon, Helen, Alyson, David, Andrew, Jill, Victor, Don, Mac-ex officio
  - b. Non-GB: Marcos, Shari
- II. Approval of minutes from Jan. 9, 2025 - David motioned to approve, Andrew seconded
- III. Old Business:
  - A. Next steps for bike maps and sharrows (Andrew, Helen, Don)
    - a. Andrew, Don, & Jill met to discuss potential options. Andrew found several examples of other cities' plans...specifically Savannah, Carrollton, Columbus
    - b. Discussions - really need to get signage and sharrows established on several streets in town. Bike safety is our first initiative. We need to have a meeting with David Moyer to discuss these options. Marcos suggested we look at the City Development Ordinance. Andrew found some information on GoGeorgia for writing grants for funding. UDC (Unified Development Code) - may be able to add new codes for bike lanes on new roads. Also need bike racks in front of businesses.
  - B. City herbicide use - draft report to city with recommendations for alternatives to herbicides/pesticides (Jon)
    - a. 2 classifications of alternatives - safer chemicals and non-chemical. A good non-chemical mixture is the vinegar compound that could be used in city parks or where people/animals will be present. Mixture is 1 gal white vinegar + 1 cup salt + 1 Tbsp liquid dish soap. Jon will prepare a document where we recommend that the city test this mixture as a first step. We would also like to recommend that certain black label chemicals stopped being used.

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**C. Resilience Workshop progress**

- a. Quarterly meetings are to take place - next meeting is Feb 14. Helen and Lissa will attend

**IV. New Business:**

**A. Solid Waste Management Plan 2025 - soliciting input for strategies to reduce waste to landfill (Marcos)**

1. County is leading the long term plan. Consultant said that if we don't have recycling, we will need to reduce bulk waste.
2. Ideas? - 1. composting where residents could opt in and put compostable waste in a separate bin and then pick up the compost once a month. 2. Mulching yard waste.

**B. City and homeowner landscaping (Alyson, Don) - Discuss next month**

1. Encouraging tree planting to replace trees lost in recent storms and discourage cutting of mature trees
2. Encourage alternatives to grass lawns for city and homeowners - particularly groundcover alternatives and edible plants
3. How?
  - a) Short, informational message that we could post different places
    - (1) Social media
    - (2) Info sheets for tabling
    - (3) Send to homeowners' associations
    - (4) Promote Xavier Deckard's brochure through Tree Board and KSBB

**V. Adjournment - Victor motioned, Andrew 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.*