



Milton Grows Green Committee

Minutes November 5, 2008[Approved]

Date: November 5, 2008, 6:00 - ~8:00 p.m.

Place: Fire Station No. 43, 750 Hickory Flat Road, Milton, GA 30004

I. Agenda: The Agenda for this meeting was posted.

II. Old Business:

RRR – a report was given on the meeting at City Hall, November 3rd by Dan Drake regarding the Bell Memorial Park Pilot Recycling and Adopt-A-Road programs. The decisions made at 11/3 meeting include: 35-gal. green bins with blue tops with hole in top and signs on every bin will be used throughout the park to collect aluminum cans and plastic #1-7 only; 3 cu. yd. plastic dumpster by the concession stand for cardboard, steel cans, aluminum cans and plastic;

Signage not settled. As currently designed, the sign uses the dark green of the container as the background for white or light pastel lettering. Different sign options will be created based on this input to view the options discussed. The committee will review the various graphics along with city staff once they are available and decide.

- Roll out date wasn't settled. Charles Slade needed at least a few weeks to order blue lids.
- The letter to Hopewell Youth Association parents would go out during the baseball registration period for Milton residents. It could be in the form of an e-mail if MGG provided a PDF file. (The park is primarily used for baseball.)
- Jon McPhail asked that the roll out be coordinated with his press release so that the press wasn't getting "old" news. This and any other information going public needs to go through the City Manager and web site administrator Allie Taylor. MGG will ensure this coordination takes place as a regular procedure.
- **Adopt-A-Road** – the minimum age limit for participation will be 12 years old. Dan wanted a staff person that he can call if there are any issues and suggested hiring Keep North Fulton Beautiful as a contractor to administrator the program. Based on Dan's recommendation, he suggested KNFB could manage the volunteer base.
- There was not a consensus that an outside "consultant" needed to be paid to manage this process. There is a desire by many to keep costs low where possible and hiring yet one more consultant to manage activities of the city may not be necessary. In this instance, MGG is providing the services, volunteers, programs, etc. at no cost to the city. Separately it was noted that the city may need additional insurance to cover the program. MGG would provide the graphic files.

- Areas previously discussed that need our work are:
- Establishing criteria for identifying and prioritizing roads for the program and where to place the signs; and
- Establishing a list of roads and adopters that are already in place, seeing if they are still active and establishing requirements for the clean up, i.e., age restrictions, number of supervising adults, equipment needed, how often to clean, how is this going to be checked, where to dispose of trash, what safety rules and what documents to be downloaded from the city web site to explain and enroll in the program.
- Francia and Melissa were asked to get the final artwork on the signs for the bins to Chris Lagerbloom for a printing quote.

III. New Business:

Green School Initiative - there was a long discussion of the Green Schools Initiative. What do we want to call the program? Cindy brought a sheet of what KNFB does for some schools.

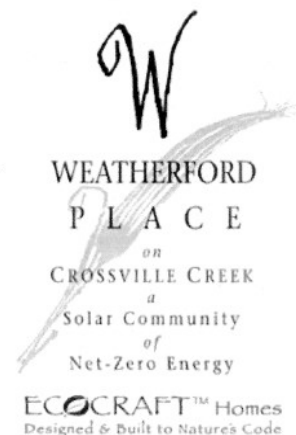
MGG members discussed the MGG school program is anticipated to include 6 – 7 core elements of the overall MGG programs that would be offered to local Milton schools including – Adopt-A-Stream, Storm Drain Marking, school-specific recycling, identification of locations for wild life habitat, Rivers Alive and Arbor Day programs, bring one for the Chipper and other general environmental school specific outreach programs such as The Clean Air and Keep Georgia Beautiful campaigns. It is anticipated by MGG that local schools can work towards becoming an MGG recognized “green school” seeking a certification or by being identified as a Milton Grows Green Junior Branch participant. An MGG point person would be assigned to each school to disseminate information with the goal being a junior branch of MGG at each. Gina Schwendel, Kathy Johnson and Julie Zahner Bailey already have contacts at their respective children’s schools as well as others. MGG would need to develop an MGG Kit listing the core elements along with their requirements. Tom Sewell has suggested a Spring or Summer deadline for presenting it to the schools.

Single-Stream - Waste Pro has signed a new 5-year contract with Fulton County Schools for waste hauling. They are doing a couple of pilot programs this year for single-stream recycling in FC schools with the hopes of rolling out a program next school year. MGG and the MGG school program would like to have single stream recycling at each of the local Milton schools – both public and private – with an eventual mechanism to help track the amount of recyclables collected and a measurement approach for tracking how much waste is kept out of the landfills. MGG wants to have measurements for a variety of the initiatives underway to track value and impact over time.

Organizational/Procedural issues - requirements for a MGG vote – The issue has to be announced on an agenda at least one meeting before the vote is taken. Members can vote by e-mail. The committee consensus rules unless there is a tie in which case the decision goes to the board of governors. The board would have a specific number of days to respond.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

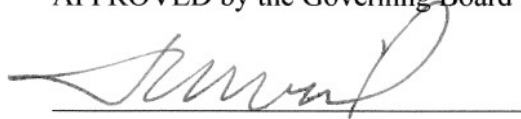
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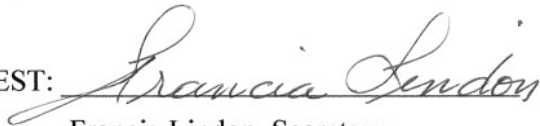
Next Meeting: Field Trip - Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 5:00 p.m. to Weatherford Place, Roswell, the platinum level LEED Ecocraft™ Homes and solar Net-Zero energy development.

Editor's Note: Cindy Eade, Jon McPhail, Francia Lindon and Dan Drake submitted an application for MGG for the 2008 CREATE COMMUNITY, Local Government Innovations Awards under the category "Community Involvement and Collaboration." The Atlanta Regional Commission sponsors the awards. The deadline was November 14, 2008.

APPROVED by the Governing Board this 2nd day of April 2009.



Jon B. McPhail, Co-Chair

ATTEST: 
Francia Lindon, Secretary