



## Milton Grows Green Committee

### Minutes March 12, 2009 [Approved]

**Date:** March 12, 2009, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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

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

#### **II. Old Business and Updates:**

##### **The Great American Cleanup Events –**

The kickoff for the Bell Memorial Park Recycling program took place Saturday March 7. This was the first of four in a series of events that are part of the Great American Cleanup. Charles Slade of Community Waste Services provided 17 35-gal blue-top recycle bins and a 3 cu. yard dumpster for recyclable materials. The city provided decals for the bins. A letter announcing the event was sent to the Hopewell Youth Alliance for their web page and Allie Taylor was sent a description of the program for general circulation and the city web site. By virtue of their absence it was noted that we had to do a better job at notifying the press of these events particularly the Milton Harold, which is the City's legal organ.

Another in the series of the Great American Cleanup events, in celebration of Earth Week, Milton Grows Green and the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints is organizing Milton's first local Great American Cleanup Event for Birmingham Park scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>. This Sunday, March 22 at 6:30 at Gordon and Jim Hunter's house there will be an organizational and planning meeting. Jon, Jack, Marc and Kathy are scheduled to represent MGG. Organizers from the Church of the Latter Day Saints and Milton Grows Green have already spent time walking the site to assess the scope of the general cleanup needed. Anything living that will be removed will be tagged ahead of time with a yellow ribbon. MGG needs to develop a comprehensive list before Sunday's meeting. MGG will be organizing the logistics and Jim Brown from the church will be in charge of organizing church volunteers and of all volunteers on the ground. Coordination and publicity will be up to us. Kathy Johnson has agreed to coordinate volunteers from our end. Parks and Recreation is going to look at the plan after it is developed.

**Adopt-A-Road** – Rollout is tentatively scheduled for the first week in May. It was decided to place one sign at the beginning of the adopted road segment and one sign at the end. The distance of road to be adopted could vary in increments of a mile with a 1-mile minimum. MGG would determine what stretches of Road can be adopted and by whom. The signs would be placed after the volunteer or group has cleaned their assigned section the first time. Dan Drake is getting cost estimates for the signs. We will give the city all of the related documents we've developed for legal review and their approval. These forms could be posted on the city's web site for downloading. We should also make an instructional safety video.

There was a discussion on how to handle State highways. There are three within Milton, Hwy. 9, Birmingham Hwy. and Hwy. 140. Contracts to clean these have to be made through GA DOT. It

was a general consensus that Hwy. 9 posed problems too big for a volunteer cleanup crew alone since it would require mowing and the removal of objects too large for trash bags. Gina said that GA DOT gave three alternatives for cleanup adoption: 1. MGG could contract; 2. the city could contract; or 3. a business could contract with GA DOT and GA DOT would take responsibility for liability.

Consensus was that we should be able to leverage our offer to volunteer to get the DOT to do the mowing and pickup of large debris. We should also be able to sub-out sections of Rt. 9 using whatever signs appropriate and get the city to step up enforcement of a "littering ban." MGG's efforts are meant as a supplement to state and city efforts. MGG has a say in setting the rules and can't be responsible for all 18 miles of Hwy. 9. Although there are a lot of people interested in these sections, lack of equipment could be an issue for large projects such as this.

The Kits with supplies would include: gloves (to be kept by individual volunteers for reuse – Jack may be able to get a supply from Kimberly-Clark), orange vests, a first aid kit, orange caution flags to be placed at the beginning and end of work details, "Caution Volunteers at Work or Litter Pickup," two types of trash bags, clear to recycle items and orange or dark for trash. We need to figure out how many of these kits we need and what should be the drop off and pick up point for the kits. Also we need to find out if the city public works department might already have caution signs we could borrow.

**House Keeping Issues** –A preliminary MGG "delegates" meeting for the Great American Cleanup is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. at the Crabapple Starbucks on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Gina and Kathy need a few rubber stamps with the MGG logo on them. (Francina will look into getting this done.) This is for an Evergreen Schools contest where kids put their environmental messages and drawings on brown paper bags for prizes. Contest deadline is scheduled for around the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> of May.

MGG has a request from CPAC and the LUBS subcommittee is working on getting a consensus response back to them.

MGG needs to make a determination as to what can be done to get points for a Green Cities Designation for Milton. Who would be our contact person at City Hall. What current practices need ratification by ordinance for points and or verification

Wilson has someone he wants to schedule to come talk to MGG.

Julie has talked with Sharon Murphy about setting up a community garden/framers market. Could be one of the events held at the Birmingham Park. What subcommittee would this come under?

We have sent a copy of our PowerPoint presentation to the Big Canoe neighborhood association. We should be thinking about networking with other similar organizations in the area.

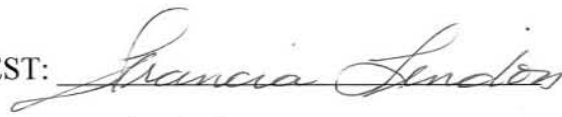
A "Special Called Meeting" was set for April 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. APPROVED by the Governing Board this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2009.



Jon B. McPhail, Co-Chair

ATTEST:



Francina Lindon, Secretary