



KEEP JACKSON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL



Minutes

Jackson County Administration Building Auditorium
67 Athens Street
Jefferson, Georgia

January 18, 2018
4:30 P.M.

Members Present

Christie Craig
Erin Cummings
Kayley Edwards
Greg Laughinghouse
Jack Legg
Gina McKinney
Chuck Murphy
Susan Russell
Philip Smith
Yvette Wise

Members Absent

Mike Faulkner
Wade Johnson
Cecil Tatum

Staff Present

Jamie Dove – KJCB Coordinator
Lucy Miller – Solid Waste Operations Manager
Tom Page – Solid Waste Superintendent

Jamie Dove called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Jamie Dove introduced Tom Page and Lucy Miller from Jackson County's Solid Waste Department. Tom Page is the Superintendent and Lucy Miller is the Operations Manager. Tom was asked to attend the first meeting of the new board to show the ways in which Solid Waste and Keep Jackson County Beautiful work together throughout the year. He noted his support for the program and explained that he does what he can to help with KJCB's bi-annual recycling events. Part of his budget pays for the disposal of the tires, paint, and bulbs. Mr. Page hopes that with the help of the KJCB Board of Directors, a tarping ordinance (one with teeth) could be created and adopted to help with the issue of litter around the County from those visiting the transfer station. Chuck Murphy asked Mr. Page where he was to report names/addresses on mail that he finds during his routine adopt-a-road pickups. Jamie Dove noted that the County's Code Enforcement Officer handles these issues and that she would get him the contact information.

Next, Jamie Dove explained how KJCB came underneath the umbrella of Public Development after Susan Trepagnier's retirement and gave a brief overview of the department. She explained that she would be coordinating the program with her director, Gina Roy's, oversight. Gina Roy would be coming to a meeting in the near future to introduce herself. Each member introduced themselves to the group. Jamie Dove made note of the three absences and gave a brief bio of those individuals.

The dynamics of KJCB were explained, specifically: the funding by Jackson County Government, the 501c3 arm of the program for donations, and good standing with Keep Georgia Beautiful, Keep America Beautiful, and the Jackson County Area Chamber of Commerce. Yvette Wise asked for a breakdown of the County's portion of funding at the next meeting. A financial report was given. There is currently \$16,856.09 in the non-profit account. Two checks need to be deposited and two invoices for the garden upkeep need to be paid. The past treasurer is no longer interested in being on the board, but is more than willing to work with the new treasurer to get the signatures on the back account changed for a smooth transition. Once this happens, the invoices can be paid. Members took a look at the board member survey and Jamie Dove explained the twelve initiatives in depth in order for the members to be knowledgeable on each when selecting their most important three.

New Business –

1. Adopt-a-Road Participation

Jamie Dove noted that she was in the process of connecting with the current adoptees to assure that they are still caring for their designated portion, but that this will be a year-long project as she has to obtain contact information for many of these groups or citizens. Five new roads (entirety and portions of) have been adopted. She assured the members that this would most likely continue to pick-up as those interested are learning that KJCB provides the pickers, vests, gloves, bags, etc., and will coordinate the trash pick-up with the County's Road Department. In the future, she will reach out to businesses and champions for local roads.

2. Boy Scout Troop 35 Service Project at Illegal Dump Site on Woods Bridge Road

Troop 35 out of Commerce has chosen an illegal dump site on Woods Bridge Road as the subject of their service project to gain one of their badges. Jamie Dove will take lunch to the scouts as a thank you for their service. This site has been on EPD's list for quite some time and holds an estimate of some 100 tires, in addition to thousands of pounds of trash. This property backs up to a waterway and the scouts are truly helping to keep many aspects of Jackson County beautiful.

3. Future Collaboration with Municipalities

With nine municipalities in the County, it would certainly be most efficient to collaborate with the municipalities to see what ways KJCB could help them down the road in terms of future beautification projects or events. Jamie Dove is planning to meet in February with the Main Street Managers from Braselton, Commerce, and Jefferson to see what exactly they could collaborate on and bounce ideas around.

4. Spring Recycling Day – April 21, 2018

Jamie Dove explained that this was one of two recycling events held by KJCB each year and that these are usually very successful. Citizens rely on this event and whereas it attracts new participants each year, it is also the absolute norm to see repeat customers. An overview was given of what types of materials

are accepted and although the County does have inmates to help with the event, volunteers are also needed. For 2019, it might be worth looking into hosting these events in numerous locations as there is always feedback from residents on the edge of the County that Jefferson is very far for them to travel.

5. Keep Georgia Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful Standings

Jamie Dove will be meeting with KGB's new Executive Director, Natalie Russell, to make sure that KJCB is on track for reporting and to keep their good standing. This is to gain knowledge on the reporting in general and to make sure all was done properly in 2017 with Susan Trepagnier's retirement and KJCB's transition.

Board members were asked to complete their surveys before leaving the meeting so that future meeting dates and times could be determined. Members were also asked if they would read the current bylaws of KJCB and make notes for the next meeting, in case any of these bylaws were too stringent for a nonprofit organization. These notes would be reviewed at the next meeting for potential amendments to the bylaws in the future. Lastly, officers would be elected at the next meeting due to the absences at today's meeting.

Jack Legg asked for a roster to be created of KJCB's Board of Directors with contact information.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Chairman _____ Date _____

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