



KEEP JACKSON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL



Minutes

Jackson County Administration Building Auditorium
67 Athens Street
Jefferson, Georgia

May 10, 2018
5:00 P.M.

Members Present

Christie Craig
Kayley Edwards
Greg Laughinghouse
Jack Legg
Gina McKinney
Philip Smith
Yvette Wise

Members Absent

Mike Faulkner
Wade Johnson
Chuck Murphy
Susan Russell
Cecil Tatum

Staff Present

Jamie Dove – KJCB Coordinator

Jamie Dove called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Greg Laughinghouse asked those present if they had taken a look over the minutes from the April meeting. He noted if there were no comments or concerns, he would entertain a motion. Gina McKinney made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 12, 2018 meeting. Christie Craig seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval of the minutes.

A financial report was given to the board by Philip Smith. There is currently \$17,389.45 in the KJCB, Inc. account. Whereas we accepted cash and checks in the form of donations and payments for paint and bulbs, we also had expenses towards the Spring Recycling Event.

Jamie Dove gave the staff report. The majority of her duties had been spent working through recycling day. The formal recap would be done later in the meeting. Jamie noted that she would be using the majority of May to submit stormwater reports and issues to respected parties, as erosion and sedimentation can be an impairment to beautification efforts. Yvette Wise gave an overview of Braselton's Rivers Alive Event. There were 84 volunteers, 92 bags of trash collected, 69 tires, equaling a total of 5,020 pounds. KJCB created a basket for the silent auction for Jackson County 4-H's Farm to Fork event. Kayley Edwards, a 4-H participant, noted that the event was a success. Two new groups had

come forward in hopes of adopting a road. Carter's Distribution Center had applied to adopt Braselton Parkway. This is a major victory for KJCB, as Carter's (Christie Craig) is hoping to work with Yvette Wise and other businesses/industries along the segment to educate on the impacts of littering and where this ends up (as a major waterway is nearby that is addressed during Braselton's River Alive). Also, Sewn Products Equipment Company applied to adopt a portion of Airport Road. Although not a direct initiative of KJCB, Jamie reported on interesting news with the former AgriCycle site near Talmo. EPD has invested quite a large amount of money for the mitigation of this site. Jamie detailed the past happenings on this parcel and what future cleanups could do to promote overall beautification.

New Business –

1. Spring Recycling Day Recap

A handout was given to presents members showing the amounts taken in on April 21st. Record highs were set on just about every item and Jack Legg noted it was the most cars he had ever checked in for one of these events. There were still a few numbers we were waiting to trickle in. Jamie was going to check with Kelly at the Sheriff's Office on drug intake amounts since it was only measured that day by bag. Jamie addressed that a common question both her and Kelly receive is needle disposal. It was suggested to check with Tanger as they have a disposal station. Gina McKinney noted she would check with her office at UGA. Jamie will also check with Brad Richards, Animal Control Director. The board went over high points and areas where new things could be tried for the fall event. Station signs were going to be looked into so that each station on the Hendrix Drive could be properly marked. Christie Craig recommended checking with Wilco to see if this would be something they would donate. Gina McKinney noted she would check with McKinney Designs about donating also. Jamie was also going to check on purchasing vests/stop signs with the KJCB decal for those working the directional stations for safety purposes. Jamie went over what was paid for by the County versus what the KJCB account would pay for. Overall, the event was very successful and the fall date would be sent out as soon as it is decided with the vendors.

2. Cardboard and Paper Recycling

Jamie met with Suki Janssen, Athens Clarke County's Solid Waste Director, regarding Jackson County delivering recyclables to them for a processing fee. Jamie was able to tour the recycling facility that Athens Clarke County has, which is actually run by Republic Services. This facility receives multiple different types of recyclables, which are then sorted. Processing fees are obviously cheaper if an area is only bringing one type of recyclable (no sorting is involved). Jamie mentioned to the board that the only recyclable that is bringing in a pay-back fee right now is cardboard. Whereas Jackson County has the truck, dumpster, and staff, the cardboard would have to come to the facility in Athens Clarke County clean and dry. This was a concern since Jamie knew through previous conversations with Tom Page, Solid Waste Superintendent, that there is currently no additional, covered space at Jackson County's Transfer Station. Jamie was to schedule a meeting with Tom Page to discuss options regarding this initiative. Jamie would also be scheduling a tour of Madison County's facility since it would be similar to Jackson County in a rural sense, while also relying heavily on inmate labor for sorting/loading. Christie Craig asked that Tom Page see if there would be a bungee tarp option for these long dumpsters.

3. Cemeteries

There has been a peak in interest relating to the maintenance of some of the cemeteries around the County. Most of these cemeteries are considered older and private. Jamie has been approached by numerous citizens and commissioners that felt this would be a well-supported project if KJCB were to feel the need to take it on. Many people were willing to volunteer their time, while others were willing to fiscally support the project. Jamie polled the board on their interest. Whereas there are numerous cemeteries that appear run-down, the board felt that it would be tough to gain permission from private owners to allow access to the land. Jamie asked what if there was a system that these owners, probably older, could apply for cleanup, therefore showing their willingness to allow volunteers on the property. There were still numerous, questionable pieces to the puzzle. There would be a liability issue if volunteers were to get injured on site. It would also be an issue if a tombstone or monument were to be damaged due to the stone's age. Lastly, if this type of service is offered once, the maintenance may become something individuals rely on to be done routinely. Greg Laughinghouse asked whether the County has maintenance agreements be signed if a church is interested in developing a new cemetery. Jamie noted she would check in to this, but in the meantime would let anyone interested in these types of clean-ups know that this is not something KJCB is looking to take on at this time. It was noted that Galilee Christian Church offers these services during their "Serve the City" event in May.

Greg Laughinghouse made a motion to adjourn and Yvette Wise seconded the motion. Unanimous approval to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Chairman

Date