

KEEP SMYRNA BEAUTIFUL Minutes - Final



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Beautiful**
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

Laura Zhiss (Mayor's Appointee)
Shawn Garcia (Ward 1)
Lisa Castleberry (Ward 2)
Matt Anderson (Ward 3)
Dawn McLoughlin (Ward 4)
Maggie McGarity, Treasurer (Ward 5)
Nell Robinson (Ward 6)
Larry Powell (Ward 7)
Trevour Kelleher, Secretary (At Large)
Chris Knight (At Large)
Phyllis Owens, Board Chairperson (At Large)
Hilary Scott (At Large)
Stephanie Williams (At Large)
Olivia Wise (At Large)
Vacant (At Large)
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Smyrna Community Center
Jonquil Room
1250 Powder Springs Street
Smyrna, GA 30080

City Attorney Scott Cochran
City Administrator Joseph Bennett
City Clerk Heather K. Peacon-Corn

**April 09, 2024
6:30 PM**

1. Roll Call

Present: 10 – Shawn Garcia, Lisa Castleberry, Matt Anderson, Dawn McLoughlin, Maggie McGarity, Larry Powell, Chris Knight, Hilary Scott, Stephanie Williams, Olivia Wise
Absent: 4 – Laura Zhiss, Nell Robinson, Phyllis Owens, Trevour Kelleher
Staff: 2 – Julie Barwig and Eloise Holland

2. Call to Order

A. 2024-079 Welcome / Call to Order – *Phyllis*

Due to Phyllis' absence, Dawn McLoughlin chaired the meeting. Acting Chairperson Dawn McLoughlin called to order the April 9, 2024 Keep Smyrna Beautiful meeting held at the Smyrna Community Center in the Jonquil Room at 6:30 PM.

3. Chairperson Instruction and Report

4. Formal Business

A. 2024-080 Secretary's Report – *Trevour*

B. 2024-081 Finance Report – *Maggie*

Maggie presented March financials. A question arose about how typical the progress of the budget so far is for this time of year. Julie Barwig, Environmental Services Director, and Maggie McGarity answered it is typical pacing. Filed for Audit.

C. 2024-082 Old Business – *Phyllis / Dawn as acting Chair*

- Garden Tour (May 4): Confirm your assignment for the Garden Tour. We need all hands on deck for a successful event! Please review your assignment for the Garden Tour in the email from Eloise to confirm that you are available to do that job. If you are unsure about what it entails, please contact Julie or Eloise.
 - → Please sign up for Tea Room food to bring ([Sign up to bring food items](#))
- Smyrna Market Participation: → [Sign up for a shift to table at the Handmade Market](#)
- 40th Anniversary: T-Shirts distributed to Board members in the meeting. Communications underway as planned.
- Keep Georgia Beautiful Conference (May 7-9): Hotels may now be booked, but still time to sign up to attend staying at different location. Eloise will be attending.
- Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on April 20 from 11am-1pm at Tolleson Park. Return volunteer thank you notes to Eloise by April 12.
 - Board members have signed up to bring the following:
 - Matt- chips, fruit tray
 - Liv- cookies
 - Lisa- soft drinks
 - Maggie- tea
 - Stephanie- sweet tea
 - Larry- cheese tray
 - Dawn- veggie tray, crackers & hummus

D. 2024-083 New Business – *Phyllis*

E. 2024-084 Coordinator's Report – *Eloise*

- Document Shredding: 18,000 lbs collected from 396 vehicles. Thanks to the 16 volunteers that helped! Julie noted a very steady flow of traffic the entire time. Next shredding event in September
- School Tours continue: 107 students attended in the past month. This included age appropriate recycling activity and paper making.

F. 2024-085 Committee Reports – *Phyllis / Dawn as acting Chair*

1. **Garden Tour Committee:** Covered in Old Business section
2. **Education Committee:** A motion was passed to increase the amount provided to the two 2024 scholarship winners from \$1,500 to \$2,000. A discussion about increasing the school grants was brought up by the education committee, there was a lot of discussion but it ran over time so it was tabled until the May meeting. This may be topic to finalize during 2025 budget setting in the Fall.
3. **Pollinator Garden Committee:** **No update since pausing until after Garden Tour.**
4. **Audit:** No updates pending next quarter's audit. Completed July - November in December.
5. **Fundraising and Grant Committee:** Liv provided an update. Corporate sponsorship approach to reference 40th Anniversary to solicit new sponsors for KSB general fund in honor of 40th anniversary and recognizing future work such as Pollinator Garden in 2025. We do need to raise significantly more donations this year by Q4 to elicit Town Council for remainder of required funding. City budget voted on in December. We intend to share capital costs with the City and recognize they will maintain the park after its built.

G. 2024-086 Director's Report – *Julie*

- Keep Cobb Beautiful: Upcoming Sustainability Forum. Julie will have booth at the forum.
- Recycling Pricing Update shared.
- Cardboard continues to increase (\$80/ton)
- Mixed paper actually drawing a payment (\$32/ton) though remains very low to zero
- Office Paper dropped slightly.
- PET declined but steady past year
- HDPE Color up to \$100/ton; HDPE Natural staying steady
- Mixed Metal more volatile and now about \$140/ton; Aluminum cans highest amount per ton (½ ton in 40 yd roll off container)
- Glass remains steady
- No income from paint or electronics because disposal paid by City directly
- Program Assistant role still under recruitment
- City is doing a rebranding exercise. ([LINK](#) previously shared by Julie)

5. Approval of Minutes

A. MIN2024-046 Approval of the March 12, 2024 Keep Smyrna Beautiful Meeting Minutes

Shawn Garcia made a motion to approve item MIN2024-046; seconded by Lisa Castleberry.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

- Aye:** 6 – Member Garcia, Member Castleberry, Member Anderson, Member McLoughlin, Member McGarity, Member Powell, Member Knight, Member Scott, Member Williams, Member Wise
- Nay:** 0 – None
- Absent:** 4 – Member Zhiss, Member Robinson, Chairperson Owens, Member Kelleher

6. Other Business / Staff Comment

A. 2024-087

Upcoming Events:

- Cemetery Cleanup: April 13th
 - Community Cleanups: April 20th, May 13th 22nd, & 31st
 - Monthly Recycling Center Tours: April 19th, May 17th, June 21st
 - Invasive Species Removal: May 16th
 - Adopt-a-Mile/Volunteer Picnic: April 20th
 - Jonquil Festival: April 27th & 28th
 - Garden Tour: May 4th
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- Upcoming Events
 - April 13: Cemetery Cleanup at Mt Bethel → More volunteers needed
 - April 20: Adopt a Mile
 - April 20: Volunteer Appreciation Picnic (Eloise shared run of show and showed example of the awards to be given)

- Multiple Dates: More School Tours
- April 27/28: Jonquil Festival
- May 4: Garden Tour

7. Adjournment

Facilities are provided throughout City Hall for the convenience of persons with disabilities.

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