

# ROCK HILL CLEAN & GREEN

**Mission Statement:** *To promote litter reduction, beautification and recycling through public awareness, education and special events designed to reach every segment of the population; To make recommendations to city government on programs, policies and codes which impact these issues.*

## Minutes

January 9, 2023

5:30pm

Present: Gary Bottomley, Gale Moore, Jeanne Musgrove, Julie Johnson, Melissa Chapman, Chris Johnson, Tim Angell, Cliff Harris, Elizabeth Sefton

Absent: Nadja Folsie-Chorak,, Charlie Ruffalo

Excused: Grace Lewis, Kristy Bengivenga, Deb Lewis,

Staff: Ryan Hammond

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of November Meeting:
3. Board and Subcommittee Goals Review:
  - a. Litter and Beautification: Working to meet with HOAs or Neighborhood Associations in Wards 5 and 2 in January or February to talk litter prevention and recycling. Ryan will get Gary an updated list of HOAs
  - b. Recycling: Discussing how to convey the message that you already pay for recycling, so you should get a recycling bin.
  - c. Education: Came up with ChristmasVille activity ideas. We have a number of ideas to include some education component to our participation. The craft was fine but we felt that those participating did not make the connection between the craft and C&G. Here is a list of ideas we brainstormed last night. We can still do a craft but may it does not become the main focus of our table.
    - Recycling sorts or some other activity
    - Have a video streaming that folks can watch will kids are making craft. Maybe the video could be the YC MRF?
    - Have examples of alternative options for gift wrapping. For example, using canvas gift bags. We might also have examples of items that cannot be recycled (foil and plastic wrapping paper, etc.) and the alternatives people could use, including wrapping paper made of recycled content.
    - We were also thinking we could provide the participants with reusable bags to use while shopping during the event. This could be communicated to vendors and possibly even ask vendors not to use plastic bags.
    - Have a wrapping table so that folks could wrap items they purchase during the events with 'sustainable' wrapping paper.
4. Past Volunteer Activities
  - Arbor Day Event at Sunset Park Elementary December 2, 9:30 AM. Well attended

- ChristmasVille December 2, 9 am- 2 pm, December 3 10 AM – 5 PM, December 4 Noon – 5 PM. Signup sheet. Friday cardboard ornaments. Saturday and Sunday paper tube trees, location will be the Center for the Arts. Great turnout, very busy.

#### 5. Upcoming Volunteer Activities

- Polar Bear Pickup, 2/4/2023, 8 AM, Meet at the City of Rock Hill Operations Center parking lot
- School recycling and litter lesson coming up in February. Email Elizabeth if interested.
- Household Hazardous Material Day March 4, 8 AM – Noon
- Come See Me Moonlight Jazz April 21
- Earth Day Birthday, April 22
- Come See Me Tailgate, April 22

#### New Business

- Cherry I-77 green spaces around the clover leaf ramps were reported to be. Elizabeth sent to Bethel Litter Cleanup Crew. Confirm, and see best route to address.
- Chris asked for volunteers for beautification event at Winthrop 1/13/23 and 1/16/23.

#### 6. Old Business

- a. Mattress Litter: no new leads.

### Adjourn

**Next meeting February 6, 2023, 5:30 PM**

#### Board Goals 2022/2023

- Reduce litter index by 3% to 1.44
- Continue educating residents about the correct items to put in the recycle bin and focus on dispelling misconceptions on where recycling goes and what happens to materials. Work to increase volume through education. Outreach at Park Pointe Village
  - Apartments: Distribution of outreach materials by Public Works to The Oaks
  - Decals
- Focus litter cleanups in Wards 5 and 2. Fall cleanup: October 29, 9 AM – 11 AM: COME IN COSTUME! Family members welcome. Meet at the parking lot at Ebinport and Cherry behind LL Flooring. We will cleanup along Cherry Road and possibly Ebinport.
- Increase awareness about bags to benches program and next steps of taking reusable bags. Increase film plastic collection by 7%.