



KCBC COMMISSIONER BOARD MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Citizen Service Center | 3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

KCBC Executive Director: Lisa Thomas-Cutts

Commissioner Board Members Present: Avianca Dowdell, Courtney Johnson, Pamela Thomas, Leasa Hastings, Taylor Martin

Absent Board Members: David Houser, Katie Franklin and Kara Brakefield

Meeting called to order at 9:11 AM

Welcome & Minutes

Executive Director, Lisa Thomas-Cutts, called the meeting to order.

KCGBC Chairmen's Report- Herman E. Lewis, Jr. -KCGBC Chairman

Although Herman was unable to attend the meeting, he sent a message that was read aloud by Lisa. In it, he encouraged the commissioners to fully support the upcoming Earth Week activities and expressed his gratitude for their continued dedication and service.

Executive Director's Report- Lisa Thomas-Cutts

OLD BUSINESS

Arbor Day- The Arbor Day Celebration took place on February 22 at Lake Bottom Park from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The event was a tremendous success and has experienced significant growth in participation since the post-pandemic period. This year's celebration featured over 20 vendors, complimentary food, giveaways, and the planting of more than twenty trees.

Shoe Recycling- This year's shoe recycling campaign saw a decline in the number of shoes collected compared to last year, primarily due to a delayed start. To improve future outcomes, the

goal is to engage schools earlier and transition the effort into a year-round collection initiative. Despite the challenges, Eddy Middle School emerged as the winner of the school shoe collection contest and was rewarded with a celebratory pizza party. The event was especially meaningful, as several board members who are alumni of Eddy Middle School had the opportunity to give back to their former school, making it a full-circle moment for all involved.

Earth Week Activities- A variety of exciting events are planned for our Earth Week Celebration. Commissioners are encouraged to promote KCBC events on social media and within their personal networks to maximize participation. Lisa provided a detailed list of the scheduled events and urged all members who have not yet registered to sign up for the two Earth Week Kickoff Cleanups, which will take place on Saturday, April 19th, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Awards Reception- The Awards Reception is scheduled for Thursday, April 24 at 5:30 PM. The planning committee has been actively coordinating with local schools, resulting in a strong influx of nominations. This event will serve as a meaningful opportunity to recognize and celebrate our dedicated community partners who play a vital role in helping us fulfill our mission. It promises to be a memorable and uplifting occasion

NEW BUSINESS

Golf Tournament- September 12th is the official date for this year's tournament. More details to come. If interested in joining the planning committee, please let us know!

Help- the- Hooch- More details to come regarding the kickoff planning meeting.

Open Seats- There are currently two vacant commissioner seats. The plan is to fill both positions prior to reconvening in August.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM

Next Meeting: August 2025

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