

KCGBC Virtual Lunch & Recap Meeting May 19th, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Executive Director, Charnae Johnson at **12:00pm**. Attendees were: Charnae Johnson, William Kent, Mark McCollum, Billy Kendall, Laurie Smithson, Karretta Venable, Wanda Jenkins, Orlean Baulkmon, Sharon Baker, Sheila Mitchell, Jeremy Ackles, Oz Roberts, Gloria Weston-Smart, and Carolyn Tigner.

INTRODUCTION & RECAP

The first order of business was to explain the delayed meetings, and Spring Cancellations due to Covid-19. A recap of the past few months were discussed, and the safety measures that have been put in place since the virus began.

NEW BUSINESS

Charnae provided an overview of the upcoming Summer and Fall initiatives, and how we plan to stay visible through social media outlets. The goal is to keep all fall events in place, and to plan for new safety guidelines for volunteers and workers.

Summer Initiatives

- Virtual Tour of Gardens- Charnae explained how we have between 2-3 potential gardens that are willing to virtually show their yards through pictures, and video. Laurie Smithson suggested we team up with Botanical Gardens to showcase their gardens as well. Volunteer information was shared, and Charnae will be in contact soon. The virtual tour will be held in the month of June.
- Help the Hooch Planning Committee- William Kent stated he would start gathering the committee for planning purposes on both HTH and the Golf Tournament.

Fall Initiatives

- HTH Golf Tournament- The goal is to still host this event in September.
- HTH Community Clean-Up- The goal is to still host this event in October.
- Magic of Recycling- Tentative depending on schools and CDC Regulations. A virtual option was discussed.
- Shoe Recycling Kick-Off- TBA
- Hazard Waste & Paper Shredding Combined Drive- TBA

Award Luncheon

Billy Kendall took the floor to discuss more in detail why the Award Luncheon was cancelled, and the plans for next year. Charnaë has already booked a date for next year, and we are still accepting nominations at this time.

Questions & Concerns

Charnaë welcomed in questions and concerns for the upcoming initiatives. Jeremy Ackles asked how we plan to move forward with Help the Hooch in a safe way to where volunteers were protected from COVID-19 contamination. The concern was that are we going to have enough volunteers this year, and people to monitor the safety. Charnaë explained that we were still working out the logistics for this event, but that safety was the top priority, and we will make sure all of our volunteers feel safe to continue on this yearly tradition.

Wanda Jenkins typed in a few questions concerning the Award Luncheon recipients, and if the nominations will roll over into 2021. Billy Kendall answered, explaining that all nominations will definitely be honored and saved for next year's Award Luncheon.

Karretta Venable suggests that we reach out to the current Award nominees and encourage them to share what they have doing in the community with pictures and videos. We can then create a hashtag system where they can tag us, and we can use all the images for the slide show in next year's award luncheon.

Upcoming Meetings

Charnaë gave the dates for the June Executive Board Meeting and the Commissioner Meeting. There was brief discussion on whether these meetings would be physical or virtual. Charnaë explained how she is aiming to meet physically in June, but it depends on the current status of the Coronavirus and the safety measures that need to be enforced at that time.

From these answers, everyone approved the upcoming dates for the meeting.

Final Notes

Charnaë thanked the commissioners and gave a special shout out to Laurie Smithson for her involvement with Earth Week. Everyone gave an update on their work status, and if it was virtual or back in office. Billy Kendall thanked Charnaë for the Bi-Weekly Emails, which motioned Charnaë to remind everyone to read those emails, because very important information and updates are included.

Meeting Adjourned

Executive Director, Charnaë Johnson adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:37 pm

Next Meeting:

- Executive Board- June 4th, 2020 from 11am-12pm @ Recycling Center
- Commissioner Meeting- June 9th, 2020 from 12pm-1pm @ Recycling Center