



## KCBC COMMISSIONERS MEETING MEETING MINUTES

**October 25, 2023**

Citizen Service Center | 3111 Citizens Way Columbus, Ga 31906

**KCBC Director:**

Lisa Thomas-Cutts

**Commissioners Present:**

Courtney Johnson, Tracy Walton-King, David Houser,  
Pamela Thomas, and Dorris Bishop

**Members Absent:**

Avianca Dowdell and Eddie Florence

**Meeting called to order at 9:05AM**

### **Introduction & Minutes**

Director, Lisa Cutts, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone back and briefly discussed upcoming initiatives.

Lisa proceeded to ask for approval to accept the last meeting minutes. Pam Thomas moved a motion to approve the last meeting minutes and Dorris Bishop second the motion. The meeting minutes from the last meeting were approved, accepted, and admitted into our records.

### **Financial Report**

Treasurer, Herman Lewis, joined the meeting briefly via telephone and dissected the financial reports to give a comprehensive understanding of the organization's financial health. He conducted a detailed analysis, examining income, balance, and cash flow.

### **New Business**

Lisa advised currently on the board we have seven of the nine seats filled right now. There are two seats that are vacant. However, we have one person that should be coming in within the next couple of months. That will leave one other vacancy that is in district 29. If you know of anyone in District 29 that may be interested in working with us and would like to help Keep Columbus Beautiful, please let Lisa or Caryn know.

We are also looking for businesses on the non-profit side to partner with for fundraising. We're looking for people and executives that work for companies that can help raise funds. If anyone knows of any companies that love doing fundraisers, please let Lisa or Caryn know.

We also have an intern position that is coming available. This person will assist Caryn and Lisa with office duties to include answering calls, returning calls, and various other administrative tasks. If you know of anyone, please let Lisa know. There will be more to come on this.

## **Old Business**

**Help The Hooch** was a success. There was close to 5000 participants counting the Watershed Festival participants. We had a lot of help from our sponsors and volunteers. There was plenty of food, music, and fun for all ages. Everyone seemed to have a really good time. The year coming up will be year 30 for this event and we're going to do it really big. We plan to start a lot earlier for this event next year. Look for the committee meetings to begin in February 2024.

There was a video shown during the meeting of this year's Help The Hooch event which gave a detailed view of the festivities.

## **New Business**

### **Remaining 2023 and 2024 Programs and Projects**

**Shoe Recycling Campaign** – The kickoff was started at Help the Hooch. We had a drive through drop off and collected quite a few shoes. David Houser is our Chairperson and Tracy Walton-King is our Co-Chairperson this year. They have already started to form a committee to help in contacting various businesses, schools, churches, and other organizations to see if they would like to have a bin in place for shoe collections. We have two bin sizes (large gallon blue push bin and a smaller blue rectangular one) This campaign will run through the end of the year, as possible. WLTZ 38 is our official Media Sponsor for the PSA. We will also have a taping for KCBC. Please remember to share the information on social media. We need as much engagement from the community as possible.

**Christmas Tree Recycling** – This will kick off on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and run through January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We will be collecting trees at our local parks. The number of trees collected last year went down. However, we are looking to grow those numbers this year. Commissioner, Tracy King mentioned a comment John Bret made about this project during a previous meeting and conversation ensued amongst the board. Pamela Thomas has volunteered to Chair this event along with Courtney Johnson and Tracy Walton-King as Co-Chairs. More information to come.

**Dr. Martin Luther King Serv-A-Thon** – We have partnered with various community partners in the in the past and are in the preliminary stages of plans for this upcoming project; tentatively set for January 12, 2024. Please contact Lisa or Caryn if you would like to join this committee. More information to come.

**Arbor Day** - This event will kick off on February 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> 2024. Last year we collaborated with KCB's environmental partners along with the Girls Scouts. Free hotdogs were provided by Liberty Utilities. We plan to do the same thing but make it bigger in 2024. Please contact Lisa or Caryn if you would like to join this committee.

**Keep America Beautiful: Great America Cleanup** – Date TBD. This project typically runs from the end of March until June. Please contact Lisa or Caryn if you would like to join this committee. More information to come.

**The Golf Tournament** – Date for this event is set for September 13, 2024. We are moving this event from April to September because of other golf tournaments being held in April. We plan to have a Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> theme. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Lisa or Caryn. Jason Cooper is the chairperson of this committee.

**Tour of Gardens** – Date TBD. Dorris Bishop will help Chair this event. More to come on this.

**Earth Week** – This event will kick off on April 20, 2024. This will be a full week of different activities. More to come on this. Please contact Lisa or Caryn if you would like to join this committee.

**Annual Awards Luncheon** – This event will be held in May - TBD. Oz Roberts is the chairperson for this event. You may submit an application for an individual or organization for community awards for citizens who are doing great things. Please contact Lisa or Caryn if you would like to join this committee.

## **Announcements**

Lisa stated that the December meeting will be a combined meeting with the Commissioners and Non-Profit Board on December 13, 2023. Please be on the lookout for the invitation.

## **Closing Remarks**

Lisa Cutts closed the meeting by thanking all attendees for their presence.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:14 AM**

**Next Meeting: December 13, 2023**

Respectfully submitted,

**Tracy Walton-King**

Tracy Walton-King, Meeting Recorder KCBC Board Commissioner