

Mayor's Task Force
On Litter Prevention, Recycling and the Environment
Thursday Oct 12, 2023, Council Chambers Overflow Room, 5:15 pm
MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order by David Herlong

2. Trish Rand, David Herlong, Karen Mastin, Alta LeCompte, Steve Karl, Susan Inglis, Missy Schmieler, Chuck Schmieler, Town Council Liaison Roger Coleman, and Town Manager Corey Gooden were present. Larry McLaughlin and April Lane were absent.

3. The September minutes were approved.

4. Recycling Updates:

The start date for Recycling will likely be the first Wednesday in November. Promotional material will be released as soon as the date is declared. The committee discussed the cost of adding glass to the collection bins and Corey is going to look into it. The Leo Club is still planning to be a liaison for the High School recycling. Missy had flyers made up to go with the stickers which have been given to the high school to distribute.

5. Litter Prevention and Cleanup:

The Community Litter Sweep will be held Oct 14, weather permitting. Roger will canvas the town to see which areas need the most attention. There is no update on additional part time employees for the landscape department to help with litter clean up. Also there is no update on the Elizabeth City "adopt a street program" which Tyler was going to look into.

6. Environment:

The committee discussed the upcoming **Resilience Program** which Edenton has been selected for:

Phase 1: Community Engagement & Risk/Vulnerability Assessment Report

The Report details the vulnerability of critical assets, natural infrastructure, and vulnerable populations to several hazards, including:

- flooding (rainfall, tidal and riverine)
- storm surge
- sea level rise, and
- other locally relevant hazards such as wind and erosion

Phase 2: Planning, Project Identification, & Prioritization.

The main deliverable of this effort is called **The Resilience Strategy**, which includes well-planned and prioritized solutions to address risks including a combination of"

- o Structural (i.e., infrastructure) and nonstructural (i.e., policy) approaches, and
- o At least one natural or nature-based component.

The first meeting for the above group is scheduled for Oct 19 and the report will be finished in May. Our priority after the 2 phases are done will be to select those projects for which we can get funding and not have to match.

7. Old Business:

The Chamber of Commerce has been notified of our desire to nominate a person or business for one of their recognition awards and their Board is going to discuss it. If approved, we will need to decide the criteria for choosing a nominee.

8. New Business:

Corey suggested that the committee think about what our next focus should be, considering that recycling will soon be starting and we are making progress with the litter control problem.

9. Next meeting date: November 9th, 5:15 pm