

Meeting Minutes
Take PalmettoPride Where You Live Litter Commission
217 Fort Johnson Road
Charleston, SC 29405
April 16, 2021 10:00 am

The meeting the Litter Commission was held at the Marine Research Division (MRD) and telephonic at 10:00 am, April 16, 2021. Notice of the date, time, and location of the was posted.

Members in Attendance:

Robert H. Boyles, Jr. – Chairman / Director SCDNR presided the meeting; Allen Hutto – SC Department of Transportation, John Wienges – SC Association of Counties, Melissa Harrill – Municipal Association of SC, Mallory Coffey – Keep SC Beautiful; the following members attended via telephone: Deborah Parker – SC Department of Probation & Parole, Tonnya Kohn - Court Administration Sarah Lyles – PalmettoPride, Jarrod Bruder – Sheriff’s Association of SC, Jill McCain – SC Trucking Association & Clifton Hughes – SC Department of Public Safety Staff member to the Litter Commission: Valerie Shannon. Staff members of SC Department of Natural Resources included Phil Maier, Amanda Stroud, David Lucas, and Taylor Main. Also, in attendance was Syndi Castelluccio – Richland County Solid Waste Division and Donald Robinson – Richland County Sherriff’s Department

Member Not in Attendance:

Ike Gray – SC Department of Corrections

I. Call to Order

The meting was called to order by Boyles at 10:10 am and asked Boyles thanked each of the members for their continued support and diligence of the Litter Commission. Shannon called the roll.

II. Welcome

Phil Maier, Deputy Director of MRD to welcome the members of the Commission and expressed his enthusiasm for hosting the meeting at MRD.

III. Approval of Minutes

The November 5, 2020 meeting minutes were approved by consent.

IV. Introduction of Guests

Guests were introduced by V. Shannon.

V. Quantifying the Date: Trash Reduction Plan

Boyles opened the floor to the member to discuss the data packets presented to the members and asked Shannon to discuss the breakdown of the information and reminded the members of the bi-annual legislative report to be submitted to the legislative council.

Lyles commented on the metrics of Keep America Beautiful have changed over the years and how PalmettoPride and SC Affiliates report recyclables and trash collection forms and how the data is reported differently than SCDOT numbers. Lyles offered to help with data.

Coffee commented on the amount of trash that collected and represented on the graphs to consider economic development and increased population in each county. Also include what the affiliates do; Aiken County has quadrupled its trash pickup and include which county counties only have litter control officers. Also add other partnerships and look at local leadership. Coffee offered help with data.

Shannon summarized graphs and maps and source of all collected data; will seek additional data from PalmettoPride & KSCB.

Hutto indicated SCDOT has secured contractors to pickup trash on major highways monthly partially due to COVID-19 restrictions of DOC inmates.

Parker asked if the data will be shared with the legislators in the biannual report.

- Hutto – litter pick-up by county would be helpful
- Lyles – keep DOT numbers but make sure it is reflective of the whole story and include local litter pick-ups by KSCB & PalmettoPride
- Coffee – note should be made that not all pick-ups are recorded by DOT
- Boyles – is there a danger for highlighting certain communities where litter is more of a priority than others
- Parker – Cobb-Hunter would be very interested in this information as well as Aiken, Kershaw & Beaufort

Boyles relayed message from Rep. Cobb-Hunter to which she thanked the members for their work and sorry she could not attend the meeting.

Boyles suggested ad hoc committee: Coffee, Harrill, Wienges volunteered for ad hoc Data Monitoring Committee

VI. Survey Distribution

Shannon explained the purpose of the survey to law enforcement; asked Harrill, Bruder, PalmettoPride, and KSCB with distribution of law enforcement survey.

Coffee stated information should not be shared publicly and commented on amended the survey to include ranking order of importance and changing the verbiage on one question.

Lyles would like to include judge's opinion.

Kohn stated the role of a judge is not to question the law but rather apply the law. Cautioned about how we ask questions not to have an opinion on the law.

Boyes asked if Wienges and Kohn could work together to formulate the proper questions to include the magistrate judges.

VII. Comments

Boyles introduced the idea of a Litter Commission and referenced the Texas culture where Texans have embraced the litter prevention slogan “Don’t Mess with Texas”. Asked the members to come up with a creative slogan that encompasses the appreciation of South Carolina.

Lyles commented on the 20-year slogan of PalmettoPride “Litter Trashes Everyone”

Parker suggested “Don’t Trash on Me” or “Don’t Tread on Me”

VIII. Time and Location of Next Meeting

November 3, 2021 at the Municipal Association

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am