

Minutes
Take PalmettoPride Where You Live Commission
Rembert C. Dennis Building, Room 335
1000 Assembly Street
Columbia, SC
March 10, 2017 10:00 am

The meeting of the Litter Commission was held at 10:00 am, March 10, 2017, in room 335 of the Rembert C. Dennis Building, Columbia, SC. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was posted. Vice Chairman/Department of Transportation, Allen Hutto presided at the meeting. Commission members present included Jones Gamble, Rosalyn Frierson, Sara Lyles, Tigerron Wells, Josh Rhodes and Matthew Buchanan representing the Department of Probation, Parole & Pardon. Absent Commission members were Ike Gray, Jarrod Bruder, Sherryl Jenkins and Jennifer Patterson. Staff members of the Department of Natural Resources, Court Administration and SC Litter Control Association were present at the meeting.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Allen Hutto, Vice Chair, at 10:03 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Allen Hutto made a motion to approve the November 3, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion to approve made by Rosalyn Frierson and seconded by Allen Hutto.

III. Old Business / New Business

No old items were presented. Tiger Wells updated committee on H3529; introduced in house seeking to prevent municipalities from passing plastic bag bans. Mt. Pleasant was the first to pass the ban by residents. Folly Beach followed with the call coming from business community. Charleston has decided not to have a ban. MASC thinks this is a local issue and power should stay at municipality level.

Sarah Lyles addressed two bills:

H3924 concerning littering penalties, cigarette butts and packaging a flat fine for \$25 and increase illegal dumping fines. The increase would separate dumping and casual litter. H3924 will also address wildlife carcasses as litter. See document.

H3896 refers to lot clean-up --currently municipalities can clean up a lot and recoup costs on tax bill. Currently counties do not have the same power. H3896 would allow for counties to recoup any costs associated with lot clean-up.

Zero Tolerance press conference is April 5 at 11:00 am at state house. All members of Commission are invited.

IV. Community Service Forms

Senator Saab with others members of the Commission met to discuss the problem of litter and community service in his county and what can be done. As a result of the Summary judges concern as to who will supervise and how to document. Right now offenders are fined \$5/hour for 8 hours of service to comply with the statute. Working with Court Administration – documents were created to alleviate some concerns. See attached forms.

Sarah will provide a set of policies from Aiken, Bamberg and/or Florence use by the magistrates that are assigning community service.

The packet was approved with Court Administration retaining ability to make any necessary changes.

V. Comments

Robert McCullough acknowledged guest of the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Rosalyn Frierson announced that she will be leaving her current position at the end of June.

VI. Time & Location of Next Commission

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2017 at 10:00 am in the SCDNR Board Room

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.