

Minutes  
Take PalmettoPride Where You Live Commission Board  
Rembert C. Dennis Building, Room 335  
1000 Assembly Street  
Columbia, SC  
March 7, 2016 10:00 am

The meeting of the Litter Commission Board was held at 10:00 am, March 7, 2016, 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, Ike Gray, Jennifer Patterson, Robert Mitchell, Sherryl Jenkins, Sarah Lyles, Rosalyn Frierson, and Josh Rhodes. Commission member Tigerron Wells and Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter absences were excused. Staff members of the Department of Natural Resources, PalmettoPride, Court Administration and the Department of Probation, Parole & Pardon were present at the meeting.

**I. Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Allen Hutto called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Allen Hutto asked if there was any amendments, additions, deletions or corrections to the November 12, 2015 meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**III. Sub-Committee Reports**

**A. Legal**

Allen Hutto stated the Legal Committee met on November 12, 2015 after the Litter Commission meeting and discussed several issues including insurance coverage. He briefly discussed the highlights of the meeting. See attached report.

**B. Education**

Sarah Lyles briefly discussed the highlights of the meeting. See attached report.

**C. Strategic Planning**

Council member from Orangeburg County made contact with DNR and asked for help; as a result Valerie Shannon conducted a ride along with litter control officers for a first-hand look at the issues. After-site visit report and recommendations submitted.

**VI. Establishing the Template - Video**

Video addressing the litter commission was presented:

1. Why is it 1 officer per 10,000 people instead of land area? We need more people.
2. Why don't other officers write tickets? Why are local sheriff's and highway patrol not writing tickets while driving the streets? Why are officers not looking in bags of trash to determine whose it was and ticket them?
3. Why is community service not being given to violators?
4. Why are fines continuously decreased?
5. Why are they not teaching more about pollution in schools?
6. Why are convenience centers not open every day if they are primarily using part time folks?

**V. Constituents Comments**

Shannon Bobertz, DNR Chief Legal Counsel Legal asked how we can look at Insurance Reserve Fund (IRF) and how worker's comp will work. Need to figure out how to ensure worker's comp? Josh Rhodes provided information on workman's comp. Constables get \$768.00 per week and volunteers are valued at 37% of \$768 x2 = \$190.00 per week for workman's comp.

PalmettoPride was asked if they offered any liability coverage and they indicated they are on the volunteer side of things and do not over coverage. Has met with some Circuit Court Judges about using cleanup as a condition of prole.

Robert Mitchell of PPP indicated getting the magistrate's court more involved with having someone monitored. West Columbia and Cayce magistrates are starting to do community service and utilizing one of the 27 Keep America Beautiful affiliates for supervising those individuals.

**VI. Status of Assigned Tasks**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) should drafted for review before the November legislative report.

**VII. Time & Location g Next Meeting**

The meeting of the Litter Commission will be held at 10:00 Thursday, July 28, 2016 in Board Room at DNR.

Great American Cleanup runs from March through May....partnering with Palmetto Trail and United Way of Spartanburg, Midlands and Low Country.

March 30 starts Zero Tolerance with press conference at state house with encouragement for all Litter Control Officers and Code Enforcement Officers to attend.

**VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business brought before the Litter Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 am.