

Keep Charleston Beautiful Board Meeting Minutes

May 1st, 2025

Call to Order

Rachel Barry, Chairperson, calls meeting to order at 5:35 pm

Roll Call/Attendance (check indicates presence)

- Jamie Gillette (staff)
- Darby Reed (staff)
- Taylor Simkins (staff)
- Elodie Cutler (Youth Ambassador)
- Katie Abare
- Rachel Barry
- Cheryl Carmack-Smith
- Sam Haab
- Lisa Weismann
- Stephen Kaminski (guest)
- Taylor Hodges (guest)
- Laura Beachum (guest)

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

There was not a quorum present, so no vote was held to approve February and March Meeting Minutes. Jamie will send an email out to Board members to complete the vote.

Volunteer & Events Coordinator Introduction

Jamie introduced Darby Reed, who will be the new full-time Volunteer & Events Coordinator for KCB. Darby gave a brief summary of her person and professional background.

Financial Report

- Recent expenses:
 - Education Coordinator wages March/April
 - \$116 - Dispenser Decals 4/1
 - \$268 - April & May Compost Haul
 - \$101 – Compost Bags
 - \$1160 – Cork Recycling
 - \$95 – ZWE Tarp
 - \$185 – Vacuum
 - \$283 – Trailer Flooring
 - \$228 – Truck Bed Mat
 - \$168 – Desk
 - \$155 – First Aid Kit Supplies
 - \$200 – Beautification Supplies (ON)
 - \$107 – Buckets

- \$197 – Random office/event supplies
- Incoming Revenue: \$0 through City of Charleston
- Balance to date - \$27,595.57

New Board Member Votes

- Stephen Kaminski and Kaitlin Walter have both attended a KCB Board Meeting as a visitor and expressed interest in becoming official members of the Board.
- Due to a lack of quorum, this vote will also be sent out to Board members via email. Rachel Barry made a motion to officially vote both candidates onto the KCB Board. Lisa Weismann seconded the motion to officially vote both candidates onto the KCB Board. The remainder of the voting process will take place via email.
- Taylor Hodges and Laura Beachum were both visitors present at this meeting. If they are interested in joining the Board officially after the May Meeting, they can express this interest to the Board Chairperson, and can be officially voted onto the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Vote for Vice Chairperson Position

- The KCB does not have a ViceChairperson in place, and was not able to hold this voting process due to lack of quorum present. Taylor Hodges may be interested in this position, but will need to be voted onto the Board as a member first.

Recent Activities & Events

- March
 - Three litter sweeps held, in addition to The Great Charleston Cleanup week of litter sweeps (86 volunteers total for Great Charleston Cleanup)
 - One tabling event held at Earth-A-Palooza
- April
 - Three litter sweeps
 - One tabling event at MUSC's Greenest Day Event
 - Kayaking cleanup collaboration with Lowcountry Land Trust
 - One Zero Waste Event held with Gibbes Museum Street Party - lessons learned for potential collaboration on ZWE services for next year.
 - Friends of KCB Fundraiser took place at High Water Music Festival; Taylor managed volunteers for this both days.
 - Rectory School conducted a cleanup around Marion Square - notable issues were quantity of cigarette butts present within the park space. Lots of smoking occurring, with no receptacles present. Need to address with City Parks
- Education/Youth Programs
 - Over 10 schools visited during March/April, and over 10 cleanups hosted with youth via Clara's Kids Club.

Upcoming Spring Projects

- International Compost Awareness Week (May 4th-May 10th)
- Star Wars Themed Litter Sweep taking place May 4th

- Clara's Kids Club Litter Sweep - May 17th at Northbridge Park
- Zero Waste Event - May 22nd 4-8 (volunteers needed!)
- Park beautification project at Stephen Washington Park - May 24th (Volunteers needed)
- National Secure Your Load Day(s) - June 6th and potentially June 7th
- National Pollinator Week - June 16th through June 21st
 - Survey with iNaturalist App: take pictures of pollinators and their favorite plants
 - Movie night ?
 - Info table + Art and crafts + Pollinator shaped cookies to decorate
 - Pollinator Themed Trivia with signature pollinator cocktail
 - Consider holding education speaker at coffee house or Brewery
 - Habitat restoration project - not a great time for planting, so will hold this idea until Fall
 - Clara's Kid's Club Youth Litter Sweep already planned for June 21st, and will include a pollinator scavenger hunt for kids (Clara mascot volunteer needed)
- Partnerships & Sponsorships - new sponsorship donating \$5000 to Friends of KCB

Board Member Comments

Chair Comments

Next Meeting - June 5th, 2025 5:30-6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM