

Clean & Green Commission Meeting 3-16-09

Attendees: Anne Little, Linda Thornton, Carolyn Helfrich, Carl Spangler, George Solley, Mike Ward, Diane Jones, Nancy Segarra

Meeting called to order, Agenda Approved, No public comment. No minutes from previous meeting to be approved.

Tree Sub Update:

- Spring Planting in Mayfield along train tracks – looking to get money from CSX for tree buffers. There will be a new r/r line. RPM trees are available.
- Tree Selection Process – tree list adjustments are in process. If we know ahead of time we can have nursery begin growing type of trees we select
- Water Tank needs a trailer to haul water to keep newly planted trees watered
- Discussed asking council to include a line item for new trees but George responded that there are major budget issues this year. Need to look for grants. Costs of trees include maintenance costs of planting, pruning. Could we find a way to donate the tree or the planting of the tree.

Clean Sub:

- Re-usable bags - Diane reported about Ad camping with R-board encouraging reusable bags. Signs in the parking lot and inexpensive reusable bags and displays. Can get bags to sell for \$.75. Diane showed us a bag that is made with recycled content. We would need to approach stores or find groups to sell the bags. Nancy, Diane and Anne volunteered to talk to stores.
- Cigarette Butts – Anne and Carl will work with getting something started for a grant. Will check with FOR or Downtown merchants.
- Nancy will find out the Street cleaning schedule for the city
- Linda asked about the litter from trash waiting to be picked up that is not contained properly or that gets disturbed by animals. Nancy reported that there is not much the city can do unless neighbors complain. The web site and other publications inform city residents about their responsibility.
- Nancy reported that new recycle trucks will look like trash truck because of the single stream. People may be concerned or question that.
- Diane reported that Composting workshops will probably not be continued – poor turnout.
- Mike reported Parks&Rec tree planning is in progress. They need funding from the city.
- Ideas for clean city campaign – “Keep it neat to the street”
- Discussed tastefully done hanging baskets for downtown
- Corridors
- Tree wells – expensive

New makeup of Commission: Need to recruit people for the commission. George will check that its been advertised. Application for commissions is on city web site.

Upcoming Events:

3/19/09 - Mayfield Community Assoc presentation – Anne

4/11 and 4/18 – Spring Tree planting event – Mayfield

4/10/09 – Arbor Day – Wash Ave

4-25-09 – Earth Day – Alum springs

Next Meetings:

Clean&Green – 4/20 – Heritage Center 6PM

Tree Sub – 4/20 – TBD

Clean Sub – TBD

Meeting adjourned