

**CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, April 20, 2009 6:00 p.m.**

Members present: Anne Little, Chairperson, Ward 2; Linda Thornton, Ward 3; Laura Shepherd, Ward 4; Carl Spangler, Ward 1; George Solley, City Council; Carolyn Helfrich, Arborist; Diane Jones, R Board; Nancy Segarra, Public Works; William Kjar, At Large; Mary Repass, At Large; Paula Chow, At Large, Recorder.

I. Meeting called to order.

II. Agenda approved. No public comment.

III. Minutes of 3-16-09 approved.

IV. New Commission members introduced. As per the by-laws, the Commission still lacks one member representing a City department who will be appointed soon.

V. Commission restructuring discussion. Commission is two years young. Anne encouraged the Ward representatives to connect with their neighborhoods and do some outreach with neighborhood associations. Clean and Green subcommittees need to meet separately to accomplish their work effectively. Members identified their areas of interest as well as comments/suggestions on strategies and projects. These included providing monthly workshops for the public, tracking any and all volunteer time for conversion into dollars "saved" by the City, a vision for the City of Fredericksburg to be a leader in the state as an ecologically responsible community, developing a long range tree plan and a sustainability plan and acknowledgement that the Commission has accomplished the foundation and leg work for the accomplishments, current status and future projects of the Commission.

The Green subcommittee members are: Anne, Linda, George, Carolyn, Bill.

The Clean subcommittee members are: Diane, Carl, Laura, Mary, Paula.

**The Commission will meet once monthly, the third Monday of each month, with the next meeting on Monday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the Heritage Center in Maury Commons. The Green subcommittee will meet monthly on the second Tuesday of each month, with the next meeting on Tuesday, May 12th at 8:00 a.m. City Hall. The Clean subcommittee will next meet on Monday, May 4th at 8:30 a.m. at 904 Caroline Street with subsequent meetings to be determined as more frequent meetings are needed.**

VI. Downtown report: Mary reported that the tree wells on George, Hanover and William Streets have been cleaned and mulched. Various businesses and churches have volunteered their time for this effort. Mary will send thank you letters. She stated that the dog feces and cigarette butts have significantly decreased with this upgrade.

Mary suggested that the trash can in the parking lot off George and Sophia be made more visible as it is not located in a strategic nor convenient location. Nancy will email MikeWard to investigate and rectify this.

VII. Report on Clean subcommittee. Plastic bag project and cigarette butt project continues to be in the planning phase. Possible poster contest with the schools to be explored. Need to explore where tuille net bags (used for fruits & veggies) can be sewn and perhaps a source of income for the Commission.

VIII. Report on Green subcommittee. Projects include Washington Avenue mall planting, planting replacement trees, new trees acquisition and costs, utility lines causing tree planting issues, need for Mayfield tree barrier, and mulching trees downtown. Questions regarding the approval of the new war memorial without consideration nor coordination of the overall plan and tree landscaping. Councilman Solley indicated that there would be improved communication and coordination as this has not been an issue previously.

IX. Upcoming event dates:

April 25 - Earth Day display 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Alum Springs Park

May 2 - Removal of invasive plants 9 a.m.- 12p.m.