

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Minutes

Monday, June 6, 2011– 6:00 p.m.

Members Present : Anne Little (Ward 2), Laura Shepherd (Ward 4), David Dorsey (at Large), Paula Chow (at Large), Mary Repass (at Large), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), George Solley (City Council). **Ex-officio Members:** Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Diane Jones (R Board), Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Eric Nelson (Planning)

Visitors: Pat Chen, Kevin Utt
Meeting Called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Update Clean Committee

We discussed the half marathon and the clean-up afterwards. There was a lot of trash downtown after the race and we thought it would be better if the downtown was seen to first before the stores open and shoppers started to arrive. There was also some issues still with the foil packets left on streets and also the masking tape marking the route. Paula Chow has coordinated with Karen Hedelt, Dave King and the race organizers to address these issues for next time year's race.

The Recycle Bin Campaign did not yield many results and we need to rethink our approach to getting more people taking a bin and recycling at curbside.

The Pooches for the Planet Campaign is slated for June 14 kick-off. We have to go through the CPURC process before the mitt stands can be installed downtown.

Our Cigarette Butt Campaign – “Butts are Litter Too” – will kick off in September. More details will be discussed at next month's meeting

Update Green Working Group

Kevin Utt discussed the Demo Project that is sponsored by the Rappahannock River Basin Group. They are seeking to work with a group of homeowners to create “Bay Friendly Yards”. The group is still in the planning stages, but more details will be forthcoming.

Tree Fredericksburg is planning on applying for an EDA grant to fund the Train Station Landscaping. They would like to do the planting this fall if they receive the grant.

We discussed the ongoing tree vandalism on the newly planted trees in the City. The University and the Police have been informed of the problem. There have been 5 different incidents and 13 trees were broken, pulled up or stolen.

We discussed the need to communicate to the residents the danger of digging in the utility strip area and that any digging is not permitted without a special permit. We will work with Dave King to get this message out to the public

Erik Nelson reported on the work being done on the Princess Anne Corridor. VDOT is funding this project. The sidewalks are being redone and planting strips are being re-established in as many areas as possible. Tree Fredericksburg will plant along this corridor next spring after the work is done.

Next Meeting – Vacant Buildings Downtown – John Walsh

We Adjourned at 7:00 pm