

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Minutes

Monday, August 8, 2011– 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Pat Chen(Ward 1), Anne Little (Ward 2), Vacant (Ward 3), 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), Dave King (Public Works)

Absent: Erik Nelson

Call to Order

The minutes from meeting on 6/6/11 were approved with small corrections

Update Clean Committee

- Recycle Campaign – we are reevaluating what our next steps are to increase recycling. Nancy did caution us on moving too fast and straining the City’s resources.
- Update Pooches for the Planet Campaign – the doggy bag stations have been approved by CPURC and will be installed soon. We need to do a media campaign next.
- Cigarette Butt Campaign – “Butts are Litter Too” – The clean group is meeting next week to discuss the details of this campaign. Paula is leaving town for a month, so much of the campaign efforts needs to be handed off to others on the clean working group.
- Dave King updated the Commission on the efforts to clean up downtown. New trash cans have been ordered and we will work with Public Works to identify prime locations that need trash cans as well as trash can locations that are underutilized right now and may move. The same process will be done to identify recyclable locations.
- We were contacted by Ed Whalen regarding an event done in Orange VA – “Dash for Trash”
This event is a concert and a fun run. Ed Whalen suggested we consider doing the same in Fredericksburg and offered the Silk Milk for a free venue for a concert. This is under consideration.

Update Green Working Group

- Train Station Landscaping – we discussed applying for an EDA grant for landscaping at the Train station. James Bell and Carolyn Helfrich collaborated on the design. Tree Fredericksburg will apply for the grant.
- Fall Tree Planting Projects – 250 trees will be planted this fall, plus 20 trees downtown, plus 30 replacement trees for those that died last season. David Dorsey will inventory downtown trees and identify which tree wells are ready for planting.
- Anne Little updated the Commission on the new Chamber of Commerce Green initiative. They had their preliminary meeting last month and will continue to work towards green solutions for businesses.

Discussion:

We were scheduled to discuss Vacant Buildings Downtown but John Walsh did not make the meeting.

We adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meetings/Events

Monday	9/12	Clean & Green Commission	6pm	City Hall
Tuesday	8/23	Train Station Reception	Noon	Train Station
Saturday	10/15	City Staff Tree Planting	9-Noon	Health
Department				
Tuesday	11/7	Green Committee	8am	City Hall

Tree Planting Dates:

Saturday	9/24	College Avenue	Parents and students from
UMW			
Saturday	10/1	Police Department	Trees and replant Memorial
garden			
Saturday	10/1	Powhatan Park	Trees for the park
Saturday	10/8	Huntington Hills Neighborhood	
Friday	10/21	Hazel Hill, Train station Area	Marstel Day Company