

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2011– 6:00 p.m.

Present: Anne Little, David Dorsey, Mary Repass, George Solley, James Bell (Parks and Rec), Diane Jones

Absent: Paula Chow, Nancy Segarra, Laura Shepherd, Pat Chen, Eric Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Update Clean Committee

Pooches for the Planet – We need to work on PR for this campaign. Bags are being used from some of the dog stations. We gave out flyers and ribbons at the SPCA dog event this month. Cigarette Butt Campaign – “Butts are Litter Too” – Diane Jones updated us on the litter grant with Keep America beautiful. She submitted the cig butt containers to CPURC. The first survey will be done on 9/25 with follow up giving out portable ashtrays after that

Update Green Working Group

- Fall Tree Planting – 250 trees will be planted in neighborhoods, 20 downtown trees, 30 replacement trees for the Blackgum trees that died last fall (the grower paid for the replacement of these trees)
- Fall pruning training planned for November for just a few staff members and volunteers
- James Bell, David Dorsey, Dave King and Anne Little will meet next week to discuss mulch alternatives for the downtown trees.

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Discussion

We invited John Walsh from building and Development to discuss vacant and neglected buildings – especially in the downtown area. John informed us that the code includes problems with broken windows, peeling paint, trash that can be legally seen from the public right of way, animals in the buildings.

- There is a vacant and abandoned building register kept by his office.
- The enforcement of this code is complaint based.
- He gave us a breakdown of the process and the letters that need to be sent, etc
- There is a broader nuisance code being considered and he is working with the police department and the city attorney.
- There was a question regarding the lots with plastic fencing around them that are holes in the ground. There is no ordinance against this at this time.
- We also discussed the trash behind Mary Washington Gift Shop and how to remedy the situation. John said that the quality of the dumpster was poor and he would address that with Waste Management. John Walsh and Anne Little will meet with Mary Washington Foundation Board to discuss fixing this problem with fencing or better litter control

We voted to have Carolyn Helfrich represent Clean and green Commission on the Riverfront Park Redesign Task Force

Next Meetings/Events

Wednesday	9/14	Main Street Meeting	8am	Marriott Hotel
Monday	10/3	Clean & Green Commission	6pm	City Hall
Monday	10/10	Clean Committee	5pm	City Hall

Saturday Department	10/15	City Staff Tree Planting	9-Noon	Health
Tuesday	11/7	Green Committee	8am	City Hall

Tree Planting Dates:

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

Adjournment