

## **CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION**

### Minutes

Monday, October 3, 2011– 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Pat Chen(Ward 1), Anne Little (Ward 2), Laura Shepherd (Ward 4), David Dorsey (at Large), George Solley (City Council). Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Nancy Segarra (Public Works)

**Absent:** Paula Chow (at Large), Eric Nelson (Planning), Mary Repass (at Large), Diane Jones (R Board), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist),

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

George Solley moved to approve the minutes of 8/8/11. David Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

David Dorsey moved to approve the minutes from the 9-12-11 meeting as corrected. George Solley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

We had an update from the Clean Committee on the following topics:

- Update Pooches for the Planet Campaign – The Treasurer's office has agreed to insert the Pooches For the Planet handouts in every dog license envelope that is mailed out or given out at City Hall.
- Cigarette Butt Campaign: We did the cigarette butt initial scan on a Sunday afternoon in a small concentrated area in the downtown. Over 1400 butts were picked up in a 4 hour time frame. We were able to identify the areas of most concern and will concentrate our efforts on these areas. CPURC will consider the cigarette butt dispensers for the downtown area. We will start with 10 and ask merchants to adopt them for outside their business. We are also starting the give-a-way of the personnel pocket ashtrays this week. We will be working with merchants and also giving these out to individuals.
- Downtown cleanup by City – updated by Nancy Segarra. The work is expected to be finished before the Christmas Downtown Open House.
- Trash Can replacements downtown – trash cans are expected to be arriving before the end of October and will be placed out on the streets of downtown.
- Recycling downtown business and restaurants – we will start on this campaign after we get through the Butts are Litter Campaign. We noted that there are 5 or 6 big restaurants that need to be encouraged to recycle.
- Recycling Apartments and Condos: Noted that Maury Condo is now recycling as is Cobblestone Square. We need to reach out to other condos and apartments and facilitate recycling efforts. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

### **Update Green Working Group**

- Fall Tree Planting Update – Tree Fredericksburg will plant 243 trees in 5 areas this fall: Huntington Hills 49, Police Department 35, Powhatan Park 21, College Avenue 41, Jackson St 50, Hazel Hill 25, Train Station 25. In addition 30 trees will be planted to replace the diseased Black gums planted last fall and 20 trees in the downtown area will be planted by a contractor.
- Downtown Tree Planting – we discussed planting narrow trees that do not have to be pruned so often and that can withstand dry adverse conditions found in the downtown area. Dave King will also be working on realigning some of the tree wells to conform to parking space designation lines to keep trees from interfering with car doors.
- EDA grant for train station – the design has been submitted and the grant should be announced sometime in November.

- Finishing Lewis Circle – the design for the trees has been submitted to Parks and Recreation and pending approval
- Maury Park – the design for the planting has been submitted to Park and Recreation. It will be planted this fall pending approval.
- Mulching downtown trees: We are still researching permanent mulch for the downtown trees. We have looked at cork, recycled rubber and a porous aggregate. We need to reach out to other municipalities to see what their experience has been.
- Canopy agreement with the state is still pending. Public Works and Planning will shepherd this through Council.

**Discussion:**

- Terms of office expiring – Carolyn Helfrich, Anne Little, Laura Shepherd. Laura indicated that she would step down if we had another candidate.
- Adopt- a Highway signs – revisiting them. David Dorsey will find research the list and find out who wants to remain active in the program. We will encourage everyone who has adopted a spot to stay with the program if at all possible.
- Riverfront Park – lessons learned – soil prep was nil and the trees are suffering. James Bell and Anne Little will research what can be done to ameliorate the situation.
- No parking signs – VRE area – test removal proposed for one neighborhood but we need to be very careful and coordinate with the residents on this. Dave King will direct us on how to proceed.

**Next Meetings/Events**

Monday	11/7	Clean & Green Commission	6pm	City Hall
Monday	11/7	Clean Committee	5pm	City Hall
Tuesday	11/7	Green Committee	8am	City Hall

**Tree Planting Dates:**

Saturday	10/5	Jackson Street Area	City Staff Volunteers
Saturday	10/8	Huntington Hills Neighborhood	Volunteers
Friday	10/21	Hazel Hill, Train station Area	Marstel Day Company

Adjournment at 7:55 pm