

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Minutes

Monday, November 7, 2011

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

Members absent: Pat Chen(Ward 1), Mary Repass (at Large), Diane Jones (R Board), Eric Nelson (Planning)

Call to Order – 6 p.m.

The minutes from 10/3/11 meeting were approved by unanimous consent

Clean Committee Updates

Cigarette Butt Campaign

Budget for Cigarette Butt Campaign being augmented by R-Board litter grant money. R-Board Diane Jones taking a strong role in our campaign and helping with the grant reporting.

Downtown cleanup by City – update as of November 4, 2011, the following actions have been taken recently to accomplish this goal:

- A thorough “housecleaning” of the historic commercial downtown (removal of grass from gutters, brick sidewalks; removal of cobwebs from street light and sign posts; weeding of tree wells, etc.) ;
- Purchase of a new “Green Machine” (small street sweeper/vacuum) and placement of the unit into service on a daily basis (5 days/week) downtown;
- Brick sidewalks have been repaired;
- Ornamental street lights on Caroline Street, Princess Anne Street and William Street have been cleaned (lenses in the globes) and the poles have been painted;
- Painting of the taller street light poles has begun and is on ongoing
- New public trash receptacles have been ordered and received. Most all receptacles have now been placed on sidewalks.
- New regulatory street signs (No Parking, etc.) will be installed after a thorough review of current signs and removal of unneeded signs. (This project will be ongoing until spring, 2012).
- New street trees will be planted in vacant tree wells. Some wells (approximately 25) are currently ready for fall 2011 planting. Other wells will be renovated over the winter months, with plan to install new trees in spring of 2012.
- Christmas Parade – we are still working on deciding if we are participating
- Adopt- a Highway signs David Dorsey will update next month
- No parking signs – VRE area – David Dorsey will work with Dave King on this issue and report back.
- Neglected houses –new ordinance under consideration by Council
- Canal Area Trash by Mary Washington Gift shop – Anne Little needs to contact Mary Washington Board.

Green Working Group Updates

- Fall Tree Planting – we discussed tree sourcing and getting better product. In 2011 the city in cooperation with Tree Fredericksburg planted:
 - 37 trees downtown (17 to be planted in December)
 - 443 trees in the neighborhoods
 - 120 seedling trees in old Mill Park
 - 15 major trees in other City Parks
- **Total trees planted in 2011 - 615**
- Downtown – Tree Planting – 20 trees will be planted in the spring. We are working with Dave King to relocate the tree wells along downtown streets so they do not conflict with car doors.
- EDA grant for train station – still pending
- Lewis Circle – replanting almost done – waiting for stump grinding
- Maury Park – planting approved by Parks and Rec
- Mulching downtown trees – shredded hardwood has been placed on tree wells by City but we are still researching better materials that are more sustainable
- Canopy agreement with the state - still pending
- Riverfront Park trees/soil – the riverfront taskforce will take up this issue. Carolyn Helfrich represents our commission on that taskforce.

Adjournment