

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Minutes

Monday, August 6, 2012– 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Pat Chen(Ward 1), Anne Little (Ward 2), Steve Hubble (Ward 3), Anthony Catanese (Ward 4), Paula Chow (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)

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

The minutes from 6/4/12 were approved unanimously with a motion from Steve Hubble and a second from Carolyn Helfrich.

Clean Committee Update

- Cigarette Butt Campaign phase 2 – Diane Jones gave an update on the upcoming campaign. They will start with a scan of the streets to determine how much cigarette litter is in the planned area. This will be followed by a campaign in November. WE are asking the City council to do a proclamation declaring November cigarette litter awareness month. We will have posters, more street ashtrays, personal pocket ashtrays and decals for participating merchants.
- New Ordinance for Sidewalk Cafes – we discussed this new ordinance and the hope that it will help with street litter in the downtown
- Nuisance housing in the news – i.e. Pink Lady – there was general discussion about the problems associated with abandoned housing. It was noted that John Walsh is using the new ordinance to try to change some of the issues, but in many instances, the banks are holding up the process and it is difficult because many are out of state banks.

Green Working Group Update

- Tree Pruning Program – we are looking to hire someone this fall to prune all the trees that have been planted over the last 3 years by Tree Fredericksburg.
- Maury Playground rain garden – Steve Hubble has offered his help. Friends of the Rappahannock are getting a grant for this project and help from Dominion Power volunteers. Carolyn Helfrich will be helping with the design and plant selection.
- Dixon Park tree planting – the City of Fredericksburg Employees will be doing a planting day at Dixon on 11/9. We are planning on planting about 150 trees in the park.
- Riverfront Park Update – The bid for designers is currently in the works
- Heritage Trail update – trail is slated to open late October/November
- Market Square Tree Planting – we will replant all the trees in Market Square this fall with a more heat tolerant species.

General Discussion

Council Retreat – Goals and Initiatives – At the September meeting we will offer suggestions and comments for the Council goals for the next two years.
The September Commission Meeting was changed to 8/10 because Labor Day is September 3rd and all offices will be closed.
We will look at the Unified Development Ordinance at our meeting in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm