

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Minutes

Monday, January 7, 2013– 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Anne Little (Ward 2), Steve Hubble (Ward 3), David Dorsey (at Large), Mary Repass (at Large), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), George Solley (City Council). **Ex-officio Members:** Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Eric Nelson (Planning)

Meeting called to Order at 6 pm.

The minutes from 12-3-12 were approved as written. The motion passed unanimously by a motion from Mary Repass and a second from David Dorsey.

Clean Committee

Parade Trash discussion: Nancy Segarra reported that there were 66 additional trash boxes put out this year. One of the public work employees said that this was the worst trash of any parade that he could remember. There were many more complaints from restaurants, businesses and residents following the parade. In contrast, there were no complaints after the First Night Event re trash. We discussed that this is not a City event but is an event sponsored by and run by the JC's. It is used as a fund raising event for the JC's. It was also noted that they do not pay for trash removal or do any trash pickup after the event and do not provide porta-potties.. Mary Repass said that the parade goers are setting up chairs along the street as early as 9:30am and reserving their places. She also noted that most merchants are closing early that day.

Signs on right of way – enforcement – Debbie Mathis said that letters are being sent to those who are posting signs in the right of way. She is checking with the City Attorney to see about the fines that can be assessed – there is some confusion regarding the ordinance and how much and when a fine can be levied. Erik Nelson will follow up with Debbie and get the answer.

Enforcement of litter for cafes – JoAnn Hunter from zoning enforcement will meet with Clean Committee to discuss at their meeting on 1/22/13

Cigarette Butt Campaign phase 2 – we will work on this on 1/22/13

Pathways litter Heritage Trail – Mike Ward meeting with Pathway Partners president Dennis Braiden and will report back

Dog Stations – 2 more dog stations will be installed along the Heritage trail. The Dog Park group also had offered at least one more dog station – Anne Little will try and connect on this and see if it is still available

Green Working Group Updates

Heritage Trail – UMW and scouts doing some work along trail this winter for cleanup. James Bell and Carolyn working on landscaping plans and should have something for Green Working Group meeting on 2/13

Fall Hill Avenue project – 33 comments in favor of trees were submitted

2014 budget –planning for planting 600 trees again. The green Working Group will start to look at locations for Fall 13 and Spring 14. We will prioritize this list at the next meeting

We discussed the need for tree pruning in budget as a yearly item. This is needed both for the trees that we are planting but also for existing City Trees.

General Discussion

Update on Council Retreat – Goals and Initiatives –We discussed how these apply to our Commission and how we can focus on these goals. The downtown Riverfront Park and the Council's leaving it in limbo is a concern and we will continue to monitor progress.

Next Meetings/Events

Monday 1/22/13 Clean Working Group 10 am City Hall
Monday 2/4/13 Clean & Green Commission 6 pm City Hall
Monday 2/13/13 Green Working Group
Tree planting events spring – 4/6; 4/12; 4/19, 4/27

We adjourned at 7pm