

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Minutes

Monday, April 8, 2013– 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Anne Little (Ward 2), Steve Hubble (Ward 3), Anthony Catanese (Ward 4), David Dorsey (at Large), Paula Chow (at Large), George Solley (City Council). **Ex-officio**

Members: Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Erik Nelson (Planning), Kevin Utt (Building Dev), James Bell (Parks and Rec), Chip Rice FOR, Sarah Hagan FOR

Meeting Called to order at 6 pm

The minutes from the 3-4-13 meeting were approved with a motion from George Solley

New Business

Friends of the Rappahannock Rainscapes Retrofit program (LID/raingarden program) - Chip Rice from Friends of the Rappahannock did a presentation on their new Rainscape program. This program is geared to managing storm water for the Bay. They did 9 gardens last year as a pilot program. They are now looking for more homes to partner with. It is an LID (low impact development) focused program. They do not deal with flooding or landscape advice. Here are pertinent points of the program:

- Cost - \$800-\$1000
- Looking for funds from the City – 10-15 k for the pilot program
- Still working on application criteria
- Accepting applications in May – starting work in June
- Focus on Hazel Run watershed

Kevin Utt also gave input re the program that George Washington Foundation did on River friendly yards.

Clean Committee

Discussion of the Cigarette Butt Campaign phase 2 and the ashtray program for downtown. We have some challenges maintaining the ashtrays. We discussed the signs, banners, pocket ashtrays, and inventory after the campaign. Paula working with all merchants and downtown folks.

Dog Stations– Heritage Trail – we are still working on getting new stations installed

Green Working Group Updates

Tree Planting to date – Tree Fredericksburg will plant 300 trees this spring – for a total of 2530 over the last

4 ½ years.

Artificial mulch install test for downtown will be done by James Bell and his crew on a tree well on Caroline Street

Downtown tree planting will be finished by April 26th. The four Ginkgos installed at George and Caroline were funded by the Rappahannock Garden Club.

Next Meetings/Events

Tuesday, April 9th 7:30 p.m. City Council Proclamation – Steve Hubble, David Dorsey & Paula Chow attending

Saturday, April 13 – 11- 3 pm – Earth Day Event Old Mill Park – need help at booths

Friday, 4/19/13 10 a.m. Arbor Day Event – Kenmore

Saturday, April 20 – Saturday, April 27th – “Butts are Litter Too” campaign

Saturday, April 27th – 9 to noon FOR Cleanup of River. 1- 4 City downtown cigarette butt cleanup

Tree planting events spring: Fri, 4/12 2 p.m.; Friday, 4/19 9 a.m. ; Saturday, 4/27 9 a.m.

Monday 5/6/13 Clean & Green Commission 6 pm City Hall

Sunday, May 19, 7 a.m. - Marine Corp Half Marathon

Adjournment