

## **CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION**

Minutes

Monday, May 6, 2013– 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Pat Chen(Ward 1), Anne Little (Ward 2), Anthony Catanese (Ward 4), David Dorsey (at Large), Paula Chow (at Large), Mary Repass (at Large), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), **Ex-officio Members:** Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Eric Nelson (Planning), Sarah Hagan FOR

Guests: Anthony Jenkins – Wetland Board, Gregg Rolf – American Canoe Association

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm

The minutes from 4-4-13 were approved with a motion from David Dorsey

Anthony Jenkins from the Wetlands Board came to talk about our Commission supporting the Wetlands Board in advocating for strengthening the Litter Control Ordinance from a Class 4 misdemeanor (No jail and up to \$250 fine) to a Class 1 (Possible Jail time and up to \$2500 fine) misdemeanor. Stafford, Spotsylvania, Westmoreland all are Class 1 misdemeanors. Anne Little will contact the police department. Nancy Segarra will check on signage in the City – if there is any and where.

Gregg Rolf from American Canoe Assoc (ACA) spoke to us about their event on June 1<sup>st</sup>. ACA will be doing a canal cleanup (in the water) as well as the other ponds around the path. They will also be holding a festival at Riverfront Park and Clean and Green will table the event. ACA will be giving out mesh bags for paddlers to pick up trash in the river.

### **Clean Committee**

Cigarette Butt Campaign/Citywide Cleanup recap – Paula Chow and Sarah Hagan – We had 60-80 volunteers from Comcast that swept through the downtown area on the day of the cleanup – April 27<sup>th</sup> – a lot of trash and cigarette butts were picked up. The Butts Are Litter Too signs were a hit and we have requests to use them for other campaigns – i.e. UMW fall campaign for new students. We will do this campaign again next spring. We will also do window decals for downtown stores and car decals

Mike Ward mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Smoke Free initiative is being rolled out in two weeks.

Dog Bag Stations– Heritage Trail update – 5 more dog bag stations are being installed along the Heritage Trail

Future maintenance of Ashtrays and Dog Stations – We are looking for volunteers to fill the dog bag stations and exploring other ways to empty the cigarette butt cans. We are also trying to find a way to put ashtrays at the train station entrances and be able to find a way to clean out the butts.

Marine Corp Half Marathon Booth and Race- Paula will be at the booth all day Saturday.

We discussed underutilized trash cans in downtown area. Nancy has a list of them and will advise us as to where they will be relocated.

### **Green Working Group Updates**

Tree Plantings to date – 745 trees planted this fiscal year and being watered this summer.

Artificial mulch install around tree wells downtown – the cost will be about \$200 per tree. There will be two test sites for this new process and the install will be done by James Bell from Parks and Rec

Downtown vandalism to four trees – perpetrator was apprehended

Reminder - No Clean & Green Meeting in July

Adjournment was at 7:05 pm