



CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION



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Minutes

Monday, September 9, 2013– 6:00 p.m.

Members present : Pat Chen(Ward 1), Anne Little (Ward 2), Steve Hubble (Ward 3), David Dorsey (at Large), Paula Chow (at Large), Mary Repass (at Large), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), George Solley (City Council). **Ex-officio Members:** Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Eric Nelson (Planning (UMW))

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. The minutes were approved unanimously with a motion from George Solley.

Clean Committee

The discussion of the issue of changing the ordinance on litter to a class 1 misdemeanor was tabled until George Solley can confer with the City Attorney and find out how to proceed.

We discussed downtown cafes and the city ordinance that controls the cafes. There are issues with trash, cigarette butts, and other issues. There is a problem with staffing and having someone to do enforcement. The departments are reshuffling responsibilities. It was suggested that we coordinate with the Main Street Committee and get their input. We may have to ask to have the ordinance or guidelines revised to increase enforcement. More documentation needs to be done on this and coordination with staff. We will also research other municipalities to see what they do.

Future maintenance of Ashtrays was discussed and we are going to have to come up with a new plan. The merchants are not keeping up with the ashtrays.

There are requests for more trash barrels downtown but there are none available right now. The trash barrels along the Heritage trail are also a concern for Parks Dept. There have been household items being dumped in some of the barrels. Parks is pursuing investigation.

UMW is doing a cigarette butt campaign in September and we are helping with signs and posters.

Green Committee Update

Artificial mulch– update – we will be doing the tree wells on 900 block of Caroline with artificial mulch.

We will be exploring a tree bank for developers to fund in lieu of planting trees in dense development like Amelia Square.

The Mulching Standards document was completed and will be sent to all who maintain trees on public right of way – Central Park, Idlewild and other homeowner groups and property managers

We are applying to get a tree inventory grant. We will coordinate with Kim Williams who is the IT specialist in the City who deals with GIS.

The provision of having an arborist stamp on all plans will be added to the UDO to ensure that trees are given a priority in plans

Stacie Lampman gave the Green Committee a brief overview of the proposed improvements of alley near Market Square.

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Discussion regarding VCR Trail trees. Dave King will check if there are funds. The trail will be completed in fall 2014

New Business

We briefly began a discussion regarding the future direction of our Commission we will discuss more fully at next meeting.

Next Meetings/Events Monday, November 4th, 6 p.m. – Clean & Green Commission Meeting
Adjournment at 7 pm