

## CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Minutes - Monday, May 4, 2015– 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Anne Little (Ward 2), Pat Chen (Ward 3), Anthony Catanese (Ward 4), David Dorsey (at Large), Paula Chow (at Large), Damian Cobey (at Large) Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), Kerry Devine (City Council). **Ex-officio Members:** Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Mike Ward (Parks and Rec); Eric Nelson (Planning), **Contributing Associates:** Ann Gearon (Landscape Architect)  
Invited Guest – Michelle Crow-Dolby

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm

The minutes from April 6, 2015 were approved without changes by a motion from David Dorsey and a second from Carolyn Helfrich

### **Green Committee Recap - Current Projects - Updates/Status**

- Tree Planting- Anne Little reported that Tree Fredericksburg has planted 4100 trees since their inception. Anne will bring report from the Green Committee to our next Commission meeting.
- Mainstreet – the downtown planters will be installed on May 15<sup>th</sup> by volunteers. An application for a grant from EDA for the alley planters will be submitted by Tree Fredericksburg. The Fredericksburg Realtors have contributed \$1300 to this project and the EDA is being asked to contribute about \$900. The awarding of the grant is in June.
- Memorial Trees – Mike Ward reported that this project is still being worked by Parks and Recreation and the Memorials Commission. He will report further as they finalize this.
- A short discussion was held regarding landscaping at Hurkamp Park. This Commission had secured the assistance of a landscape architect to assist at no charge but that has fallen through. We continue to look for assistance.

### **Clean Committee Recap - Current Projects - Updates/Status**

- Ashtrays for downtown – Damian, Paula, and Nancy reported success in finding an ashtray that can be attached to a trashcan. Paula will order a sample and we will experiment with it.
- Recycling in Schools –Carolyn reported that the CLEAR committee on recycling is having great success in Stafford County with school recycling. They will continue to reach out to City Schools to get the City Schools more involved in recycling.
- Spring Cigarette Butt Campaign – Paula Chow is putting together a small campaign for the spring but we will have a big push in the fall as usual
- Downtown litter cleanup – The event did not have many participants because of weather. We will need to see what we can generate for this fall.
- We discussed partnering with Joe Conrad and Literati. The Clean Committee will reach out to him.

## **New Business**

- Clarifying duties of City staff regarding Clean and Green Commission interface – Marne Sherman from Planning is responsible for Trash, grass and signs. Wendy Baden from Building Development deals with property maintenance. The best way to contact Wendy and Marne is to email them pictures with details, dates and time.
- We discussed changing the makeup of the commission members. Instead of having commissioners chosen by precinct, we decided to require that all commission members only be required to be a resident of the City, just as it is on all other City Commissions. The commission voted unanimously for this change. David Dorsey made the motion and it was seconded by Paula Chow. Kerry Devine will submit this to the City Attorney and it will then go to City Council for approval

The meeting was adjourned at 7 pm