



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 8th, 2016

6:30 p.m.

City Hall, Room 214

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Kyle Synder, Paula Chow, Damian Cobey, Michelle Crow-Dolby, Robert Courtnage, Shane Riordan, George Solley, Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), Kerry Devine (City Council)

Ex-officio Members: Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Anne Little (Tree Fredericksburg)

- **Meeting called to order at 6:35**
- **Meeting minutes for June and July were approved**
- **Updates and Discussion**
 - **Solar Panel System property tax exemption memo**
 - Reviewed highlights of memo
 - Discussed rebates and credits
 - Rebates and credits good for five years with option to extend
 - Mike Craig has metrics he can present to city council to support the business case
 - Commission approves sending memo to city council recommending their approval
 - Commission also moved to thank Mike Craig for his service
 - **Clean Committee**
 - Oct 29 through Nov 6 is a weeklong series of events focused on raising awareness of litter and removing it from the city
 - Day of Service on Oct 29 with a special focus on downtown
 - Partners include Friends of the Rappahannock, University of Mary Washington, and the R-Board.
 - R-Board is providing money for signs
 - Looking to order 10 more cigarette butt containers.
 - Signed up to table at Farmer's Market on 9/3.
 - Kerry offered to donate table, chairs and an overhead canopy
 - Looking for volunteers
 - A frame anti-litter sign is being rotated around town on a weekly basis
 - Working on a radio ad
 - Looking to establish 10 more locations for doggy bag stations
 - Presented idea on inserting the location of doggy stations on tourist maps, or notifying pet owners to look for stations via a sign on a wall at Visitor Center.



CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

- Anti-litter signs ready for Old Mill Park
- What is the status of the litter ordinance? Paula to look into it.
- **Green Committee**
 - Next meeting August 9th
 - Secured a grant for Hugh Mercer to build a nature based learning zone
 - Moving some trees out of Washington Ave and replanting them to cover the compost from the community garden
 - Will be planting Fall Hill area in conjunction with VDOT
 - Fall planting notices out-1st round of surveys for locations is almost complete
 - Winter Pots have been selected
- **Sustainability**
 - Were able to meet with Stafford County Schools and learn more about their program
 - Want to get them to meet with City of Fredericksburg (CoF) schools to talk about best practices
 - Want to meet with CoF School Board
 - CoF has a waste disposal contract with Republic – they would most likely handle recycling as well
 - George moved to engage with the school board
 - Carolyn and Kerri discussed ways to educate teachers on recycling during orientation on the 29th of August
 - Potential contacts within CoF school administration – Perry Thomas and John Gordon.
 - High School - National Honor Society and the Key Club are potential allies
 - Green Waste Initiative
 - Still need to find a place to compost
 - Still need to find a location vendor
 - Still trying to get the conversation started
 - Still trying to create the business case (i.e., preserve landfill space and therefore the life of the landfill)