



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 12, 2016

6:30 p.m.

City Hall, Room 214

Commissioners: Paula Chow, Damian Cobey, Michelle Crow-Dolby, Robert Courtnage, Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), John Broughton. **Ex-officio Members:** Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Diane Jones (R-Board), Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Eric Nelson (Planning), Dave King (Public Works).

Call to order @ 6:35 p.m.

- Approval of minutes from 8/8/16
- **Solar Exemption Update:**
 - Sustainability Committee sent memo dated August 9 to Council.
 - Suggested duration of 5 years
 - Listed what other municipalities have done
 - Robert met with City Manager August 29.
 - Robert will work with Kerry Devine to prepare draft resolution to put before Council.
- **Meeting with City Manager Mr. Baroody**
 - Robert explained structure and activities of Clean & Green.
 - He was supportive of our efforts.
- **Farmer's Market Community Day:** Clean & Green had a table at this event, where we met with many concerned citizens.
- **Committee Updates:**
 - Clean Committee
 - Cigarette butt buckets are being distributed to downtown businesses that have requested them.
 - Fall Cleanup Campaign is October 29–November 6.
 - Committee would like assistance from commissioners to find hosts for yard signs.
 - Radio show (Ted Schubel) is being planned for October, prior to campaign.
 - Paula: Committee is requesting contacts at local churches who might include a paragraph about the campaign in their newsletters.
 - Diane:
 - City Shop is hosting household waste dropoff September 17.



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- Audit determined high amount of plastic grocery bags throughout the recycling system. R-Board has added signage at the mobile dropoff sites (Hugh Mercer Elementary and Walker-Grant Middle) requesting no bags be put in the bins, and also added a trash can to put bags in.
- Green Committee
 - August 22: Mulched trees at Cossey Park with incoming UMW freshmen.
 - September 11: Mulched trees at dog park and Maury playground with St. George's Church.
 - Working on outdoor classroom at Hugh Mercer Elementary.
 - October 29: Tree Fredericksburg is having a tree giveaway.
 - Tree Fredericksburg planting dates: See attached report.
- Sustainability Committee
 - Goal is to get dialogue between City Schools and Stafford County Schools, to see what FCPS can adopt.
 - Have spoken with several members of the Fredericksburg School Board, and would like to do a presentation for them soon.
- **Other Business:**
 - Paula: How can we increase awareness of what goes into the recycling bin?
 - Diane: Changes in the list of acceptable items is in the works. Maybe once it's finalized we can educate in the schools.

Adjourned @ 7:30 p.m.