Fredericksburg Clean & Green Commission Minutes
Tuesday, December 7, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Anne Little (Ward 2), Laura Shepherd (Ward 4), Paula Chow (at Large), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), George Solley (City Council), Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Eric Nelson (Planning)

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

The minutes from November 1st meeting were corrected by Mike Ward (minutes change meeting with Barbara White to include James Bell and not Bob Antozzi) and approved by a motion from Paula Chow, 2nd from Carolyn Helfrich and a unanimous vote from the Commission.

Paula Chow gave an update on the Clean Working Group's activities:
The Christmas Parade was very successful with about 35 volunteers marching with us. We collected over 60 bags of trash and recyclables and received many kudos and thanks from the parade crowd. At the end of the parade the streets were clean and almost litter free. It was observed that many were putting trash into trash receptacles as they left the parade and the streets leading away from the parade area were cleaner than in years past. The message is getting through to folks that Fredericksburg is serious about litter.

Paula is researching other historic towns and the designs that they use for trash and recyclable containers. We are hoping to present a new look in trash receptacles for the downtown area by spring.

Anne Little gave an update on the Tree Working Group's activities:
Fall Tree Planting – Tree Fredericksburg planted 230 trees this fall. 40 trees were planted in 5 different neighborhoods in the downtown area and 30 trees were planted in Old Mill Park for erosion stabilization along the river. 200 more trees are planned for planting in the spring.

The Fall Pruning Workshop for City staff will be held on 12/8 at Maury Commons. Guy Mussey from State Extension and Rob Allen from Bartlett Trees will conduct the workshop

Mike Ward gave an update on the status of Powhatan Park. Plans are being made for tree planting around the park and also around the Police station grounds by Tree Fredericksburg.

General Updates
A letter of response was sent to the Fredericksburg Wetlands Board re the inquiry regarding litter and the river.

Dominion Power has awarded a grant of $10,000 to tree Fredericksburg for planting trees under power lines with the right size trees.

We will distribute a flyer to City residents about recycling and litter and do a separate letter about trees later in the spring. We will need to address different neighborhoods about recycling depending on who their trash provider is and how recycling is handled by that provider. Nancy Segarra will help coordinate this effort. The flyer will be printed with the money in our budget and distributed by students from Mary Washington on MLK Day.

A letter to downtown merchants regarding tree lights and planting and mulching of trees will be distributed in the next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Next Meetings/Events

Wednesday, 12/08		Pruning Workshop for City Staff	8:30-Noon	Heritage Center
Monday	01/03	Clean & Green Commission	6pm	City Hall
Tuesday	01/11	Green Committee	8am	City Hall
Monday	02/07	Clean Committee	8:30am	City Hall
Monday	02/07	Glean & Green Commission	6pm	City Hall
Tuesday	02/08	Green Committee	8am	City Hall