CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION
Minutes
Monday, November 1, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Anne Little, Laura Shepherd , Paula Chow, Carolyn Helfrich, George Solley, Mike Ward, Diane Jones, Nancy Segara,, Eric Nelson

Call to Order
Public Comment Period

Carolyn Helfrisch made a motion for approval of the minutes. Laura Shepherd seconded the motion. The minutes from 10/4/10 were approved unanimously

Update Clean Working Group
Laura Shepherd represented our Commission at the UMW Sustainability Day on Saturday, October 9th.
Downtown recycle bins have now been installed in 6 locations in downtown and have had positive comments already by the downtown merchants.

The Clean and Green Commission will march in the Christmas Parade again this year on Saturday December 4th. We are in the process of recruiting people to march with us again. Economic Development has agreed to allow us to use their meeting room to gather before and during the parade.

We discussed the policy for recycling at big events ie Oktoberfest and it was agreed that Paula will contact Karen Hedelt to discuss including a recycling component in the Cities application for events.

Update Tree Working Group
Fall Tree Planting is progressing well. So far 130 trees have been planted with volunteers including volunteers from Micah, Marstel Day Company and Greenlaw and Associates Real Estate Company. Tree Fredericksburg under the direction from Dave King at Public Works is planting in the utility strips in neighborhoods throughout the City. There will be 5 plantings this fall – totaling 200 trees and 5 more plantings will be conducted in the spring totaling 200 more trees. 400 trees are being planted in fiscal 2011 with funds that were allocated by City Council to offset tree loss generated by the two big storms this past summer.

The Micah partnership is a new endeavor for Tree Fredericksburg and it gives the volunteers from Micah a chance to give back to the City.

There will be a fall pruning workshop on Wednesday, December 8th, 8:30-Noon. This will be conducted by Bartlett Tree Services Company and Guy Mussey from Virginia Extension Services. Tree crews from Public Works, Parks and Recreation, City Schools and University of Mary Washington have been invited to attend to learn about proper tree pruning, girdling roots and proper tree planting.

David Dorsey is working on forging a partnership the University of Mary Washington and their GIS department to help with a tree inventory in the City. Updates will be forthcoming.

Barbara White and Tom Snoddy from VA Forestry meeting with Bob Antozzi and Michael Ward from Parks and Rec to discuss doing a tree assessment of the Parks in Fredericksburg – namely Old Mill and Alumn Springs. Tom Snoddy will begin working with the City in December to help with this project.

Barbara White will be back in contact with Dave king to discuss the Canopy Study that the Dept of Forestry did for the City.

Ikea Corporation has donated four tidal basin cherry trees to the City to plant in a prominent location. Michael ward and Anne Little will get together with Erik Nelson to map out a good place for these trees. The tree planting event will be held on Friday, November 19th 1pm. Leighton Powell from Scenic Virginia will attend the event as well.

A discussion was held on sidewalk width on neighborhood streets in the downtown area. Erik Nelson pointed out that sidewalks are mandated to be increased in width to 5 feet. George Solley offered to take this discussion to Council.

General Updates

We were represented as an exhibitor at the Chamber of Commerce Goodwill Awards event in October.

Richard Tremblay from Economic Development will make a presentation to our Commission next month regarding the trip to Charlottesville to look at public art and entrances to the City of Charlottesville.

Action Items

The Fredericksburg Wetlands Board sent a letter to our Commission inquiring about our plans to help clean up wetlands. A response from Chair Anne Little will be sent.

Next Meetings/Events

Friday, 11/19- Ikea Tree Planting event 1pm
Saturday, 11/20 - Tree planting – 9 to noon College Heights
Saturday, 11/ 27 - Tree planting - 9-noon Quarles Petroleum, Fall Hill Ave
Saturday, 11/4 – Christmas Parade – 4:45 Visitor's Center
Monday, 12/6 – Clean Committee – 8:30 am City Hall
Tuesday, 12/7 – Clean Green Commission – 6pm City Hall
Wednesday, 12/ 8 Pruning Workshop for City Staff – Heritage Center
Tuesday, 12/14 – Green Committee – 8am City Hall

A motion for adjournment was made and seconded . The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.