

**CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION**  
Minutes  
Monday, January 3, 2011– 6:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Anne Little (Ward 2), David Dorsey (at Large), Mary Repass (at Large), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), George Solley (City Council). **Ex-officio Members** Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Eric Nelson (Planning)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm

Our newest commissioner David Dorsey was welcomed.

The minutes from December 7<sup>th</sup> were approved unanimously by the Commission after a motion for approval by George Solley and a second by David Dorsey.

Richard Tremblay from EDA gave a brief presentation about the Main Street Program, Art in Place program from Charlottesville, EDA Grant program, and other related topics. We discussed ways that our Commission could partner with EDA. We also discussed gateway landscaping and the need for a master plan design. Our commission will take up this discussion starting at our next meeting.

There was no meeting of the Clean Group last month. Paula Chow is in the process of obtaining ideas for trash receptacles from other historic towns and will present that info to our Commission in the next month or so.

Anne Little gave an update on the Green Committee's activities. The Green Committee met on Tuesday, 12-14-10. Members present at that meeting were: Anne Little, Carolyn Helfrich, James Bell, David Dorsey, David King, Carl Little, Guy Mussey (VA extension service), Matthew Boltz (Dominion Power)

Tree Fredericksburg has planted 230 trees this fall. 200 were planted in 5 different neighborhoods in the downtown area using volunteers. 30 trees were planted at Old Mill Park for erosion control along the river. 200 more trees will be planted in the spring in the downtown area neighborhoods.

The fall pruning workshop was well attended on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Guy Mussey from Virginia Cooperative Extension and Rob Allen from Bartlett Trees donated their time and staff to conduct the workshop. Attending the workshop were representatives from City Schools, Parks and Rec, Public Works, UMW and a few private contractors that work with the City. The training lasted three and a half hours and covered the basics of pruning and planting. There will be follow-up workshops with hands on pruning in the spring and summer.

Great Oaks Neighborhood will not need to replace most of their trees. It was determined that they had Autumn Blaze maples and not Silver Maples planted along their streets (both have identical leaf structure but Autumn Blaze has brilliant fall color and is not a weak, tree like the Silver Maple.

A demonstration planting was done on an open space area at the Preserve at Smith Run to mitigate storm runoff and beautify the area. An attempt will be made to export this idea to other neighborhoods in the City.

Tree purchases for next fall have been determined and an order placed with the grower for 430 trees. An addition 170 trees are to be purchased from other sources pending funding. These are trees to be planted in fall 2011 and spring 2012. There is a \$10,000 grant from Dominion Power to pay for the trees to be planted under the power lines. The remainder of the funds will need to come from the City. A total of \$60,000 dollars will be needed to fund the planting of 600 trees in fiscal 2012. No Trees were planted in the downtown area this fall. Plans for spring planting will be forthcoming over the next month or two. Possible funds from an EDA Grant will be available for trees for downtown. Tree Fredericksburg will also be coordinating a planting of liriopie around the downtown trees in the spring.

George Solley asked about tree well grates and why the City is installing them downtown again. Dave King will be contacted for info regarding the grates.

The committee also discussed mulching of leaves versus raking or vacuuming – We will undertake an education campaign to reduce leaf litter being picked up by the city – the campaign theme - "Mow It - Don't blow It". Guy Mussey will work this theme into his articles in the newspaper and we will do flyers to residents. We will also be asking the City crews to adopt this practice for all City owned properties.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**Next Meetings/Events**

Monday	01/17	MLK / UMW volunteer day	All day	Various locations
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