

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Minutes

Monday, February 6, 2012– 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Pat Chen (Ward 1), Anne Little (Ward 2), David Dorsey (at Large), Paula Chow (at Large), Mary Repass (at Large), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), George Solley (City Council). Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Eric Nelson (Planning)

Guest – John Walsh

Meeting called to order at 6 pm

The minutes from 1/9/12 were approved unanimously by a motion from Mary Repass and a second from David Dorsey

Clean Committee Updates

- Neglected houses –new ordinance – John Walsh discussed the new ordinance and how it will affect the cleanup of neglected properties. John said that this is a first step and as more nuisances come up, he will check state code and see if we can expand our nuisance ordinance to deal with these problems.
- Cigarette Butt Campaign phase 2 – the butt cans for downtown are going out on Feb 9th and more portable ashtrays should be arriving in March for distribution. Mary Repass noted that butts seem to be becoming a bigger problem near her store. We discussed the gathering of people near St George's and Paula will work with them to see if she can get more butt cans and also education for their clients. We will start our "Butts are Litter" sign campaign as soon as we have portable ashtrays. Paula will do a contract for the merchants to sign as they get their cigarette butt container.
- Adopt- a Highway signs –Nancy Segarra says that there really are none out there anymore
- Pooches Campaign - We were offered two extra doggy bag stations but the Pathways Steering Committee does not want them installed along the canal path. The two in the parking garage will be moved out and one put on the side of the parking garage in the green space and the other down at the green space by the train station. We will purchase a few of the new dog signs and test them in areas after coordinating with Parks and Recreation.

Green Working Group Updates

- Downtown – Tree Planting update - we will plant along Fall Hill, Hanover and Princess Anne but we are still deciding spots.
- EDA grant for train station –the work has been finished and Jump Start sign installed
- Canopy agreement with the state – Erik will work on this with Dave King and bring it back for a report at next meeting.

Discussion: What do we need to do to get trees into the planning process? Anne will check with Kevin Utt to see if we can add to site plan development guidelines.

Adjournment at 7 pm