

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Minutes

Monday, April 2, 2012– 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Pat Chen(Ward 1), Anne Little (Ward 2), Anthony Catanese (Ward 4), David Dorsey (at Large), Paula Chow (at Large), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), George Solley (City Council). **Ex-officio Members:** Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Diane Jones (R Board), Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Eric Nelson (Planning)

Meeting Called to order at 6pm

The minutes of 3/5/12 were approved unanimously with a motion from David Dorsey and a second from Paula Chow.

Clean Committee

Julie May from R board gave a presentation about the recycling efforts of the schools in Stafford and the City. Stafford has 30 schools and they have a 34% rate of recycling. There is no formal efforts being done in the city schools. The High School has some recycling done ad hoc by the teachers. Stafford has bins in Classrooms, halls and cafeteria. Julie is contacting Stafford to get their costs. The costs are not negligible but Stafford is still supporting the efforts and they tie SOL's to the effort. Spotsy schools have eliminated recycling because of cost. Julie needs to work with the recycler here in the City to see what the threshold would be to make recycling cost effective. We will continue to explore this.

Sidewalk Cafes – Keeping them clean – We discussed the problems of cigarette butts and restaurant trash that have a license to use the city sidewalks as part of the restaurant and put tables on the sidewalk. We discussed changing the sidewalk ordinance to tighten the rules on restaurants and require them to clean more frequently and at the close of business. It was decided that Erik and Anne Little would get a meeting with Mark Whitley and the city Attorney to explore this further.

Paula briefed us on efforts for the Marathon including the 2012 Healthy Lifestyle Expo – May 18 & 19

We discussed the Cigarette Butt Campaign phase 2 briefly and will be rolling out more efforts in May and June

Green Working Group Updates

Canopy agreement with the state has been signed and we are committed to increasing our canopy by 5% over the next 10 years. We need to determine how many trees would constitute an increase of 5%. We will explore that with possible help from the state and UMW

Artificial mulch around the trees in downtown was discussed. David Dorsey brought the material to show and he is exploring this with Dave King and Wes White. We will try and do a demo at the next Green meeting in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.