

## **CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION**

Minutes

Monday, June 4, 2012– 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Anne Little (Ward 2), Steve Hubble (Ward 3), Anthony Catanese (Ward 4), David Dorsey (at Large), Paula Chow (at Large), Mary Repass (at Large), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), George Solley (City Council). **Ex-officio Members:** James Bell (Parks and Rec), Eric Nelson (Planning)

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

The minutes from 5/7/12 were approved with corrections

### **Clean Committee Update**

Marine Corp Half Marathon report was presented. The expo attendance was 26k for the weekend. 25% of the attendees were local. We had 14 hours of coverage at the booth and spoke to at least 1000 people. Mary Repass said that the downtown was extremely clean when the streets were opened at noon on Sunday.

Discussion re the funding for phase 2 cigarette butt campaign: We did not get the Keep VA Beautiful Grant but we can get help from the litter grant funding for ashtrays. We will get a further update of the campaign next meeting.

We discussed the recycling efforts at City Schools and compared to Stafford School efforts. We will continue to work with the school system to encourage them to find a way to increase recycling. The City of Fredericksburg recycling rate is now 55%.

### **Green Working Group Updates**

5% canopy analysis completed by UMW Steve Fuller. We will need to plant about 7000 trees to increase canopy by 5%

We are looking into starting a Tree Steward Program this winter. The state has a program that we can copy.

Downtown Mulch – we are still experimenting with different products. We need to do a test in a few tree wells to see how this looks and performs.

Fall tree planting locations are still under discussion. We have 10 locations picked as possible.

Update on the Heritage trail was given by George Solley. Update on the Riverfront park project at next meeting.

We adjourned at 7 pm.