

## **CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION**

Minutes

Monday, March 4, 2013– 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

**Members Present:** Pat Chen(Ward 1), Anne Little (Ward 2), Steve Hubble (Ward 3), David Dorsey (at Large), Paula Chow (at Large), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), George Solley (City Council). **Ex-officio Members:** Diane Jones (R Board), Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Eric Nelson (Planning), Sarah Hagan FOR

The minutes from 2-4-13 were approved with a motion from Paula Chow and a second from David Dorsey

### **Clean Committee**

We spoke about the enforcement of litter for cafes. Joanne Hunter is following up on all complaints. If we find violations we should email Joanne with the info.

We discussed placing cigarette ashtrays on the trashcans but there is not enough staff to take care of this additional chore.. We will continue with having the merchants sponsor the ashtrays.

Nancy Segarra is researching the placement of waste cans in the downtown to see if they are filling our needs.

We are talking with Parks and Rec to place more dog waste bag stations on the Heritage Trail/ Canal Path. Mike Ward will get back with that info. We need to submit another proposal to CPURC to see if we can get bag stations downtown.

The Cigarette Butt Campaign phase 2 starts the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>. We have 4 banners and 100 yard signs and posters. We also have portable ashtrays to give away and handouts to educate the public. The proclamation will be April 9<sup>th</sup> at the City Council meeting. There will be a downtown litter pickup on April 27<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. We will concentrate on the downtown area including Hurkamp Park, the train Station and the Riverfront Park.

### **Green Working Group Updates**

We have four tree planting events this month - Heritage Trail, Washington Avenue, Prince Edward St, Dixon Park/ Mayfield Park.

We are going to do a test of artificial mulch around one of the downtown trees. We also are looking into doing the same material at the Heritage Trail Trailhead.

### **New Business**

Friends of the Rappahannock Rainscapes Retrofit program (LID/raingarden program). Sarah Hagan spoke briefly about this program. Chip Rice will attend next meeting to give us more details.

We discussed the Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission (EPC) and whether our commission would like to do more work like the EPC. The EPC advises and makes recommendations to the City Council and, where appropriate, to the Planning Commission and City Manager, on matters relating to the following: Clean air, Land use, Noise pollution and abatement, Pesticides, herbicides and contaminants, Solid waste, Water quality and supply and other matters referred to the EPC by the City and citizens or other topics relating to the conservation and protection of Alexandria's environment. The EPC consists of 13 members, including five members from the field of environmental sciences, five citizen-at-large members, one member from the field of urban planning, one member representing the business community and one member with experience in Federal or state environmental statutes, regulations, and procedures. The Commission is supported by the City of Alexandria Dept of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES), Office of Environmental Quality.

George Solley and Steve Hubble will form a subcommittee and come back to our Commission with ideas.

We adjourned at 7:05 pm