



CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION



Tuesday, February 10, 2015
Minutes

Fredericksburg Clean & Green Commission - Green Committee

Members present: Frank Widic, Carl Little, Carolyn Helfrich, Gary Johnson, David Dorsey, Denise Sanders, Robin Saunders, Sara Schwartz, Dave King, Phoebe Wessinger, Kevin Utt, Anne Little

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am

Discussion of Projects

Pollinator Project: Marstel-Day Corporation made a proposal to plant a pollinator garden for an earth day project in one of the parks. We discussed possible locations – Maury playground, Dixon Park or the Train station green space. Maury Playground was deemed the most suitable. John Broughton from Marstel day will work with Robin Saunders and Anne Little to decide the type of plants and the design.

Hurkamp Park redesign status – We discussed the redesign of Hurkamp Park and Robin informed us that it was still in the planning stages. The Committee suggested that David Dorsey and Carolyn Helfrich be added to the design team for their expertise. Robin will include them on the next design meeting.

Tree Campus USA – David Dorsey gave report on the progress of UMW achieving Tree Campus USA status. There is an event planned for this spring to have a tree planting ceremony and tree planting event on campus. Date to be announced.

Trees for Village of Idlewild – Dave King and Anne Little have met with the management of Idlewild Village. Idlewild will be working with Tree Fredericksburg and the City to increase tree planting. Tree Fredericksburg will be planting 50 trees in fall 15 to the village and in addition the Village will plant 100 additional trees with funds from their landscape budget. The City will assist by removing damaged and diseased trees along the streets.

Plant Maps & Memorial Trees – Carl Little gave a report on the inventory being undertaken of the 4000 trees already planted by Tree Fredericksburg. Plants Map is partnering with Tree Fredericksburg and UMW students to do an inventory over the next few months. Plants Map will also be working on doing a Memorial Trees

Stormwater Credits – Kevin Utt explained how we could get tree planting credits for our MS4 permit. We can get credit for areas that are at least ¼ acre. Carl Little will furnish the info the Kevin on all the past areas planted.

Updates

- Grants – Carl Little indicated that we have two grants working at this time, 10k for a Clean Water Grant and a 5k grant for power line conflicts. Both will be executed this spring.
- Tree planting status for spring is as follows
 1. VCR – not this spring, developer issues
 2. Heritage Trail – 15 trees by FOR. Bryan Hofmann may have funds
 3. Hills of Snowden – 48 trees
 4. Downtown- 15 trees depending on ability to open tree wells
 5. College Heights – Payne at Augustine – planting by UMW students 50 trees
 6. Riverside – Wallace at Welford – planting by Marstel Day Corporation- 62 trees
 7. Power line Grant – 60 Trees will be planted throughout the City



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Updates (Continued)

- Parks & Recreation and Main Street will coordinate on planter materials in the downtown area. Planters will be installed in early May.
- The planting of 7 trees in the alley by Market Square will be done in late April. We also discussed lighting for the area. Dave King will investigate the possibilities.
- We discussed the trees around the courthouse. Two trees will need to be moved and then artificial mulch will be installed in the large area in front of the building
- Washington Avenue –The final design for Washington Avenue is complete. Tree Fredericksburg will need to meet with a few neighbors for input and then planting can be done in the fall of 2015.
- We discussed the plans for Parkview Condos and the possibility of them doing bump outs for drainage. Dave King will check with Planning.
- Artificial Mulch -Gary Johnson reported that all of the tree wells have been filled with artificial mulch except for the trees that still were staked and were planted this year.
- Gary Johnson reported that his crew with help from Dominion Power has removed 60 trees under power lines that were badly misshapen and were the wrong tree under power lines. Smaller more appropriate trees will be planted this spring.
- 1100 trees were pruned this winter by Bartlett Tree Service and Rappahannock Landscape. The final coast was 14,990 - \$14.63 average cost per tree.
- There are a few new trees planted by a contractor on the VCR trail and also on the Heritage Trail crossing project that will need to be redone because they were buried too deep. We will also be checking to see if the contractor removed the burlap and wire. The trees were also overly mulched.
- We are looking into the possibility of feeding the trees downtown with liquid fertilizer. Bids are being sought for this.

Projects Ongoing:

- Utility strip Policy – needs to be formulated
- Refine tree list- Ann Gearon will take this on

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 am