

## CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Minutes

Monday, August 10, 2015– 6:00 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:** Anne Little, Paula Chow, Nancy Segarra, Damian Cobey, Ann Glave, David Dorsey, Michelle Crow-Dolby, Kyle Snyder, Carolyn Helfrich, Kerry Devine, Robert Courtnage, George Solley, Mike Ward

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm

The minutes from June 29, 2015 were approved without correction.

**Penalties for Littering:** Rob Eckstrom, Assistant City Attorney, gave a litter ordinance presentation providing City Code littering violation background and presenting additional options that could be pursued (i.e., Class 1 misdemeanor and unclassified misdemeanor). After general discussion regarding placing signs stating the penalty and the need for a positive campaign to accompany any change, the commission agreed to back the following:

“Another option is to specify the penalty for an offense, rather than classifying it. For example, Virginia Code § 33.2-802 makes littering an unclassified misdemeanor. The prescribed punishment is up to 12 months in jail, a fine of between \$250 and \$2,500, or both. A court may impose a minimum of 10 hours of community service instead of the jail time.”

The commission will begin work on a public education campaign. The commission plans to send a written recommendation to the City Attorney at our September meeting.

**Sustainability Committee:** Robert Courtnage read the Sustainability Committee’s vision and mission statement draft. The commission supports the draft with the suggestion to add “comprehensive and collaboration” into the text. Commission members were encouraged to continue reviewing the document in preparation for the September meeting.

**Downtown Ashtrays:** A Main Street volunteer tagged on a map all the downtown trash cans. This information will be paired with input from Nancy and Paula. Anne reports a need along the William Street corridor for additional trash cans near new restaurants and, in general, the installation of artificial tree mulch. Damian reports that Kevin Utt will present at the September meeting regarding pressure washing to clean sidewalk café areas.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7 pm**