



CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION



Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 8:00 a.m.
Green Working Group - Minutes

- Lafayette Blvd Grant has been applied for at the urging of the EDA. We have proposed to plant 69 trees. 35 single stem crepe myrtles and 34 small understory trees. Lafayette Blvd is almost totally under power lines so no large canopy trees can be planted. If the grant is approved the committee will need to review the proposed planting for final submission to the city.
- Planting areas 2016 will be discussed at our February meeting
- Downtown planting – William Street trees will be replaced in the spring. In addition there are 5 trees on Caroline that need planting in empty tree wells.
- There was vandalism in Market Square Alley over the weekend of Oktoberfest. Capital Ale made a donation to Tree Fredericksburg to offset the labor charge for repairing the damage
- Artificial Mulch – more coming and the City Crew will begin to fill in the tree wells as soon as they are able.
- Grants for current year – Carl Little updated the committee on the grants that are in the works
- mulching of parks – there are volunteers helping to do the tree wells in the parks. Memorial park will be done this fall.
- Downtown planters – Small Christmas trees have been planted in the planters. The foliage for the summer will be stored at north Stafford High by the horticulture students at no charge. Small LED lights have been placed on the Christmas trees in the planters
- I Tree – Carl Little has taken a course in I-Tree to enhance our capability to gather information on the tree canopy.
- Day Lilly Hill – there is a possibility to get a grant from EDA to redo the hill to make it easier to maintain and make it more attractive year round.
- City Shop – all the Bradford pear trees have been removed. We will coordinate with City Shop to replant this spring
- Idlewild – both phase 1 and Phase 3 have been addressed. Phase 1 – Dave King, Carl Little and Anne Little met with the management and a plan of replanting has been agreed upon. Phase 3 – Tree Fredericksburg will do the replanting of the trees that are missing or dead in phase 3 and plant with appropriate trees for the size of the utility strips. Most of the trees that were planted in that section were pin oak, red oak, London plane – all too large for the size utility strip. The sidewalks are already beginning to be raised.
- Route 1 by VCR Trail – we discussed this area where the picnic tables will be removed. The soil here is so compacted that we will need to do some mitigation prior to planting. We will look at doing this next spring.
- Route 1 Eagle Village – Eagle Village is open to having some more canopy trees planted along that area. A plan has not been proposed yet.
- Tree Stewards will be organized over the winter and begin working with their sections of the city. A MOU with the city will need to be written prior to implementing this program.