



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 5th, 2016

6:30 p.m.

City Hall, Room 214

Commissioners in Attendance: Kyle Snyder, Paula Chow, Michelle Crow-Dolby, Robert Courtnage, George Solley, Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), Kerry Devine (City Council). **Ex-officio Members in Attendance:** Nancy Segarra (Public Works)

- Called to order @ 6:30 p.m.
- Discussion relating to meeting topic listed in the November minutes.
 - At the November meeting, the Commission agreed and clarified that there is no current restriction on committee membership. Commissioner Paula Chow, who was not able to attend the November Commission meeting, expressed concern at the December meeting that the number of committee level voting members should have a finite amount. Robert Courtnage stated that the Commission position on committee membership could be revisited at a later date, if issues arise with committee membership, in practice. After a short discussion, Paula agreed to defer, understanding that the position could be re-evaluated at a later date.
 - The November minutes were approved with a minor correction.
- Public comment
 - None
- General updates and discussion
 - Next steps on City schools recycling/ introduction of Delia Rabatin, National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) President at Walker-Grant Middle School,
 - Introduction of other Walker Grant NJHS members interested in improving recycling in their school:
 - Claire Kingsley
 - Anna Heller
 - McClaire Reed
 - About the recycling program. – Ways to help now? NJHS education and awareness. All 8th graders; Kerry Devine asked for a turnover folder.
 - Anna's father Konrad Heller was involved in implementing the recycling program in Stafford.
 - Councilman Tim Duffy offered his assistance with improving recycling at Walker-Grant.



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- Potential committee on City design planning and aesthetics
 - Thoughts are to have a more cohesive plan for how design elements work together. May or may not be under the Clean and Green Commission.
- Recap of Lower-Income Solar Meeting with Habitat for Humanity and GRID Alternatives
 - Low income solar component
 - Possible community solar
 - Habitat has 14-16 houses to be built and wants to continue discussions with GRID Alternatives to add solar to these houses and some existing Habitat homes.
- Solar equipment tax exemption/ credit resolution status
 - Most recently met with City Attorney and she is going to talk to her counterparts about the structure and she will return in January to the Commission with suggestions.
- Committee Updates
 - Clean Committee
 - Paula – Butts are litter too is working. Buckets are out. Streets are looking better. Earth day April 22 displays.
 - Green Committee
 - Suggested that the tree canopy expansion be part of the City TMDL Action Plan/ Bay TMDL requirements.
 - Living landscape project completed at Hugh Mercer Elementary. 24 trees / shrubs and 300 Daffodils.
 - Fall Hill Widening project. 110 native trees planted. More planning next year as well as VDOT battlefield.
 - City's MS4 program - Storm Water runoff program. Chesapeake Bay maximum daily load program determines amount permitted to go into the watershed. Our load assessment is in 2017. Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Sediments increasing. 5% reduction by 2018. In 2018 - 2023 it moves to 35% reduction in nutrients. Virginia forestry suggests 5% increase in canopy. Takes 10 years for tree to become effective. Develop a save the tree program. 2017 tree planning on February 14, 2017 at city meeting room at 8am. Final decision made at the May 2017 meeting.
 - Sustainability Committee
 - New Guidelines. For recycling are up on the website 1-7 plastics and wax milk cartons.



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- Kerry – can we partner with grocery stores for awareness.
- Paula – Make a sandwich board – and move around like with the litter sandwich board
- Kyle – Fence at front of the City?

Adjourned @ 7:33 p.m.