



## CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION



Tuesday, November 14, 2017 8:00 a.m.  
Green committee – Final Approved Minutes

In attendance: Jane Shelhorse (Dir Parks, Rec & Events), Dave King (Dir Public Works), Diane Beyer (Asst Dir Public Works), Carolyn Helfrich (C & G Commission), Janice Olsen, Aaron Simmons, Joni Wilson, Gary Johnson, John Saunders, David Dorsey, Sally Hall, Erik Nelson, Tom Snoddy, Jason Coiner, Carl Banks, Lisa Durham, Michael Roberson, Pat Worsham, Mike Worsham, Frank Widic (Chair)

The regular meeting of the Green Committee was called to order by the Chair Frank Widic at 8:00 a.m.

Frank Widic called for additions or corrections to the Draft 8-8-17 Green Minutes. The minutes were approved by the unanimous consent voting method since no corrections were offered.

Guest Speaker: Chuck Heath, a local Master Gardener and Tree Steward, provided the committee with a fifteen minute presentation on Tree Growth Regulators (growth retardants) as a suggested tool for managing Urban Trees. The presentation was well received and is under consideration by the Department of Public Works to include the treatment on selected large trees (approximately 20) in the city.

Green Committee Goals: The need to establish short, medium and long-term goals for the committee was discussed. Goals must support the city's comprehensive plan and consistent with the mission and goals of the C & G Commission. Over the next week, the Chair will e-mail members requesting volunteers to participate in a subcommittee study group to compile member inputs, to prioritize goals and to report findings to the Green Committee.

Tree Steward Update: Sally Hall gave an update on Tree Fredericksburg and the Tree Steward program.

- To date, a total of 1,105 volunteer hours have been donated by the Tree Stewards. This is a cost savings of \$26,675 for the year.
- Planning on a Tree Steward training class early next year. Eight weeks in duration with classes starting on Jan 9th.
- Due to dry ground, a decision was made to delay Fall planting of B & B trees until Spring 2018. Areas planted this Fall include Fall Hill, College Heights, Lee/Weedon. Remaining plantings on Approved FY 18 Street Tree planting list will be completed in the Spring of CY 18.
- Tree Give-Away: CSX grant of 250 trees provided for the successful distribution of trees to the citizens of Fredericksburg. Participation was excellent.

-Downtown planters were completed on November 10th with 25 Evergreen trees planted for the Fall Season.

-Grants: To date, no Federal Grants have been received.

Upcoming Events:

-UMW Presentation Zen Gardens/Bonsai Tree Cultivation -Nov 15 @ 12:30 - 1:45

-City Council Appreciation Reception - Nov 21 @ 7:00pm.

Member Appreciation: This month is the annual anniversary of the Chair serving on the Green Committee. Frank Widic expressed appreciation for each member's participation and support to this Chair and this committee. Members all possess a special expertise and extensive knowledge needed on this committee. Opposing views are always welcomed and encouraged. However, in the future, members need to do a better job of functioning as part of a cohesive team. Now is the time to bury the hatchet on Washington Avenue. It is essential that Green Members support the mission of this committee including policies and directives issued by members of Council and the City manager. If you are unable to support our stated mission, then perhaps a more effective way of getting involved in the affairs of the City needs to be explored. We will continue our efforts to increase public awareness of our actions and to provide better transparency regarding the expenditure of public funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.