



## **MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

6:30 p.m.

City Hall, Room 218

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Robert Courtnage (Chair), Michelle Crow-Dolby (Vice-Chair), Damian Cobey, George Solley, Shane Riordan, Christi Carver, Kyle Snyder.

**Green Committee In Attendance:** Frank Widic.

**Ex-officio Members in Attendance:** Nancy Segarra (Public Works) Diane Jones and Lisa Butler (R-Board)

- Approval of minutes of the February meeting was unanimous.
- There was no public comment.
- At the February meeting a student from University of Mary Washington suggested making a video to highlight the need to divert waste from the landfill.
- Robert Courtnage met with the students and a tour of the landfill has been arranged with the R-Board on March 19th from 9am-12noon. Please let Robert know if anyone else on the board would like to join the tour. A finished film is expected in April.
- Nepal, our newest sister city, has requested a dialogue about waste management in our city when the Napalese officials visit Fredericksburg.
- A solar partnership between Thurman Brisben shelter, Lois Ann House and Grid Alternatives is progressing. The current phase is exploration for funding.

### **Clean Committee Report:**

- Refreshing of cigarette butt buckets has been completed.
- Volunteers are needed to help with our table for Earth Day. Wegman's has donated 50 reusable grocery bags to give away. Earth Day is April 21st from 11-3. Set up starts at 10 am. Please sign up for blocks of time, if not the whole day. Rain date is April 28th.

### **Green Committee Report:**

- Tree Plantings will begin March 17th and continue each Saturday from 9-12 until April 7th. Commission members are invited to participate.
- A new class of Tree Stewards is nearing graduation.
- Tree Fredericksburg has received a grant from the State, Virginia Trees for Clean Water, for \$8,000. The money will be divided equally between planting for the schools and for the city.
- Subcommittee goals and mission statement for the Clean Committee should be ready for review and approval in time for the April C&G meeting.



## **CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION**

- Councilman Frye has requested more tree plantings at the FRED bus stops and along the Route 2 south corridor. A response is being coordinated with Public Transit and Public Works. The identified tree plantings will be a part of the CY 2019 budget.
- A horticulture grant will help municipalities handle storm water. Reducing the Total Maximum Density Load Factor, or TMDL, will be more strictly enforced by the state. Nancy reminded the group that storm water is more damaging to waterways than treated wastewater.

### **Sustainability Committee:**

- At the urging of the Clean and Green Commission Chairperson the school superintendent has responded to the request for more recycling and reduced waste at the schools by assigning a task force to address the issue. Ideally city staff will be a part of the task force.
- Curbside compost pick up is still under discussion.
- Christi will check on the cost of “Worm trucks”