



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 2nd, 2018

6:30 p.m.

City Hall, Room 218

Commissioners in Attendance: Robert Courtnage (Chair), Michelle Crow-Dolby (Vice-Chair), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), Cristi Carver, Shane Riordan, Kyle Snyder, George Solley.

Ex-officio Members Nancy Segarra (Public Works), **Green Committee Chair:** Frank Widic

Absent

Erik Nelson (Planning), Diane Jones (R-Board), Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Kerry Devine (City Council), Damian Cobey,

- Call to order @ 6:30 p.m.
- Approval of the March meeting minutes (5 mins)
 - Michelle moved – approved unanimously.
- Public comment (5 mins)
 - None
- Discussion items (20 mins)
 - Budget
 - \$3k is current budget.
 - Forwarded a new budget request of \$6400 to increase labor for litter reduction related duties; attached Addendum 1
 - Currently \$125-165 / month for servicing dog stations and cigarette butts
 - 40,000 doggies bags are typically \$800 using 70,000 in 2017; number is increasing
 - Stafford County Landfill Visit Report Out: UMW waste video with R-Board staff – Frank
 - Tour on 19th March with Dianne Jones and Julie Daves of R-Board staff.
 - Karen Smith and colleague from UMW took footage for video – Prepared questions and videoed 10-15 min to provide awareness about where the area trash goes.
 - Frank Widic – How much money do we save using the prisoners from Rappahannock regional?



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- Shane Riordan – Audience? Response: General public – on campus – civic annual associations.
- Frank Widic and others highly recommend seeing the facility
- GW Region Waste Diversion Meeting—Summer 2018.
 - Public education and awareness is critical to keep moving momentum forward – Video can be first step.
 - Climate, Environment and Readiness (CLEAR) group held meeting at UMW last October; looking to move toward composting and better ways to use wastes. City Councilor Matt Kelly as chair of GW Regional Commission to look at feasibility of composting – very supportive.
 - Matt Kelly at GWRC monthly meeting supported a meeting on composting facilitated by GWRC this summer.
- Committee Updates
 - Clean Committee (10 mins.) – *Michelle Crow-Dolby*
 - Earth Day tabling – 21 April 11a – 4p ~ 28 April rain date
 - Michelle will contact Paula to coordinate
 - Staff table – continue in recycling education
 - Diane Jones and other Commissioners will staff table.
 - Ted Schubel show on Cigarette Butt Campaign
 - Happening in the fall around another cleanup
 - Table at rock the river
 - Green Committee (10 mins.) – *Frank Widic*
 - General updates
 - Minutes and report attached for comment / review at next meeting
 - EDA grant \$650 for 38 shrubs at train station planted this past weekend
 - 27 trees planted on Fall hill this past Saturday
 - At Earth day festival Bartlett to provide 1000 tree seedlings
 - Arbor day hosted by the city on Wednesday April 11 at 10 am.
 - Healing Grove proposal
 - On Kenmore in memorial park
 - Currently where there is a tree and bench
 - Already approved by Parks and Recreation
 - Sustainability Committee (10 mins)- *Robert Courtnage*
 - City Schools recycling program
 - School Superintendent assigned schools staff.
 - City staff (Public Works) assigned to project.
 - Meeting tentatively April/May between City staff and Schools staff



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- Solar partnership with Brisben Center and Loisann's Hope House
 - New Exec. Dir. at shelter – interested in putting up a solar array.
 - Grid Alternatives is working with them.
 - Escos might be able to get upfront capital and then pay it back over time.
- Louisann's Hope House also working with Grid Alternatives on solar as well.

Adjourn @ 7:30 p.m.