



CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION



Tuesday, May 08, 2018 8:00 a.m.

Green Committee – Minutes (Final Approved Minutes)

In attendance:

Gary Johnson (Dir, City Shop), David Dorsey (Recreation Commission), Carolyn Helfrich (C & G Commission), Tom Snoodly (Dept of Forestry), Carl Banks (City Tree Crew), Michael Roberson (President, Tree Stewards), David Primmer, Anne Little, Carl Little, and Joni Wilson (Acting Chair)

- The regular meeting of the Green Committee was called to order by Joni Wilson at 8:06 am
- Introductions – Guests, new members, etc.
- Joni Wilson called for additions or corrections to the Draft 04/10/2018 Green Committee Minutes. No changes were offered to the draft minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.
- Public Comments: No public comments were presented.
- Discussion items:
 - FY 2019 Street Tree Planting
 - A list of the proposed planting areas for FY 2019 was emailed to members prior to the meeting and was made available at the meeting for review and discussion. Copy attached.
 - The number one area was Fall Hill Ave from I-95 to Wegmans.
 - Discussion included the following:
 - Whether there are other construction projects, etc. that might impact the priority of areas.
 - US 1 is an area which we should move ahead with planning at this time for future planting.
 - Planting in front of the bus station is an area which has been discussed in the past.
 - An overall plan for the US 1 corridor should be developed.
 - Anne Little said she was willing to start working on a tree plan for US 1.
 - Erik Nelson will work with providing inputs on future plans which will impact a tree plan for US 1.

- US 1 is to be repaved in the future, and also there are three intersections which may get some reconfiguration in the near future.
- Some of the areas on the list will only take a few trees and might possibly be combined into a single planting event.
- Need to follow up on planting new trees in front of the Mercedes dealer on Fall Hill Ave to replace weak trees. Previous discussions had indicated that re-permitting including a fee, would be required before we could change out the trees in front of the dealership. This needs to be investigated further.
- There was some additional discussion on the background of some of the proposed planting areas.
- Recording of Green Hours
 - Hours should be put on the form that Frank Widic previously provided via email and turned in monthly.
- Recreation Commission Update: David Dorsey, Vice Chair.
 - Healing Grove. At the last meeting of the Recreation Commission there was a presentation on the proposed installation of a Healing Grove in Memorial Park. The proposed area for the grove was flagged at the request of some of the members, and there will be further discussion and a decision at the next meeting.
- Tree Fredericksburg Update: Anne Little, Executive Director.
 - The group that plays pickle ball contacted Tree Fredericksburg and indicated that they would like more trees in the pickle ball court area in Memorial Park.
 - Tree Fredericksburg now has a good relationship going with the school department on trees, and is continuing discussions on possible future planting at all of the schools.
 - The contractor that handled the landscaping around the remodeled Walker-Grant Center, was required to properly replant the trees that they installed during the remodeling. Tree Fredericksburg will water the trees this summer.
 - Plans are developing for adding trees to the JMHS campus. Last week we had an initial phase of this project which involved re-mulching trees around the building, removing mulch volcanoes, and cleaning up vegetation in the senior courtyard area.
 - Plans are also in the works to replace and add trees in the Maury Field area. We have also discussed mulching around the trees along the fence line to protect the root areas of existing trees. The School Maintenance Staff has started work on this. Also discussed was trying to eliminate or reduce the amount of parking on the tree root areas.

- Tree Fredericksburg conducted two events at Hugh Mercer school to celebrate Arbor Day. The first, was an assembly of the students for which Savannah Steblein, the Tree Fredericksburg Intern, developed and presented a program on the nature and benefits of trees. The second event was a field day during which the second-grade students participated in a scavenger hunt involving the benefits of trees, and then planted fourteen Redbud tree saplings around the schoolyard.
- During the Parks Department Earth Day event at Old Mill Park, Tree Fredericksburg conducted a tree giveaway that was a great success. Bartlett Tree Experts donated 1,000 tree saplings and assisted with the giveaway event.
- Tree planting is finished for this spring, and watering has starting.
- Member Comments/Recommendations: None
 - Carolyn Helfrich, noted that at the last Clean & Green Commission meeting there was discussion that the funding for ashtray and doggie bag servicing needs to go through one of the departments rather than through the C&G Commission.
- Upcoming Events:
 - At the War Memorial some of the small shrubs are not doing well. Tree Fredericksburg has been discussing possible replacement of the shrubs with Parks in order clean up the landscape.
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

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Proposed FY 19 Street

Tree Planting

Ranking of Potential Tree Planting Areas Fall 2018 Spring 2019

SURVEY AREA	Ranking*	Approx # Trees	Notes
Fall Hill Ave. from I-95 to Wegmans	1	50	Gateway
Dixon Street from Summit St. to South St.	2	50	Gateway
Cowan Blvd. from I 95 to Rt 1	3	50	Gateway
Mayfield Subdiv.- bordered by Howison, Railroad, Summit & Dixon St.	4	50	
FRED Bus stops	5	10	
Mary Washington Blvd.-Hospital to traffic circle	6	50	Gateway
Bunker Hill St., Princess Anne St., Virginia Ave. & Fall Hill Ave.	7	50	
Altoona Drive from William St. on East side along shopping center	8	8	
Bunker Hill St., Dale St., Pelham St. & Washington Ave	9	50	
Winchester St. between Canal St. & Amelia St.	10	50	
Great Oaks Subdiv.	11	50	
Colony St. & Buckner St.	12	25	
Royston St. & Augustine Ave.	12	25	
100, 200 & 300 Blocks- Caroline St. (Lower Caroline)	13	50	
Riverwalk Subdiv. Wicklow Dr. & Bakersfield Lane	14	25	

*Rank 1 - 14. The ranking of # 1 being area of greatest need.