



CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION



Tuesday, January 08, 2019, 9:00 am

Green Committee – Minutes – Approved 2-12-19

City Hall, Room 214

Meeting called to order by Frank Widic at 9:00 am.

Green Committee Members present: David Dorsey, Lisa Durham, Steve Gaske, Carolyn Helfrich, Carl Little, Erik Nelson, Michael Roberson, Tom Snoddy, and Frank Widic (Chair).

- Introduction - Guests, New Members, etc.:
 - None
- Approve November 13, 2018 and December 11, 2018 Minutes:
 - Minutes of the November meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
 - Minutes of the December meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- Public Comments (5 Min): None
- Discussion Items (10 Min):
 - Nomination of Replacement Chair:
 - No members have volunteered to be Chair.
 - Anne Little has agreed to be interim Chair until a permanent Chair is selected. Committee voted to accept Anne as the interim Chair.
 - CY19 Meeting Time/Dates:
 - Meetings will remain the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am in the City Hall.
 - Fiscal Year 2020 Tree Planting:
 - The committee needs to develop a list of the recommended planting areas during 2020. The list needs to be finalized at the February meeting. Previously identified areas, which have not yet been planted should probably be included on the potential area list. Anne Little will put out further instructions.
- Parks, Recreation and Events Update (10 Min): Aaron Simmons
 - None
- Tree Fredericksburg Update (10 Min): Carl Little
 - Spring 2019 tree planting plans will be finalized over the next couple of months. This includes:
 - Dixon Street corridor
 - James Monroe High School – Complete planned installation which was started during Fall 2018.

- Replacement Trees
 - Grant 17UCF24, Utility Strip and Tree Mulching Education, was awarded in August 2018, by the Virginia Department of Forestry. It will be worked during upcoming months. This grant provides \$3,600 for the development, printing, and distribution of educational material regarding utility strip trees and tree mulching.
 - Grant 18VTCW07, Fredericksburg Community Tree Planting, was closed out in December, and Tree Fredericksburg received an \$8,000 reimbursement for trees purchased as part of the Spring 2018 planting and planting at James Monroe High School during Fall 2018.
 - Tree Fredericksburg was asked by the Idlewild HOA to survey the trees in the Phase II area to identify trees of species, which will grow too large for the locations in which they are planted. We may also identify locations where trees are missing. The survey results will be provided to the Idlewild HOA as well as to the City to determine further action.
 - On April 27th Tree Fredericksburg will participate in Earth Day at Old Mill Park, to include a sapling give away if saplings are again available from Bartlett Tree Experts.
- Member Comments/Recommendations:
 - Erick Nelson asked for any inputs we might have for inclusion in the tree newsletter which Dept of Public Works produces.
 - Michael Roberson noted that a Tree Steward Mini-Grant application was submitted for tree education.
 - David noted the continued over mulching of trees at commercial places around town. Need some type of educational effort to make a change in these areas. He is proposing to lead a campaign to address over mulching and asked for help to in doing this.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Native Plant Seminar for beginners in Woodbridge – February 23rd Let Frank Widic know if interested in additional information.
- Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 12, 2019 @ 9:00 am