



**Clean and Green Commission  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 3, 2020  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
6:30PM**

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Robert Courtnage (Chair), Michelle Crow-Dolby (Vice-Chair), Kerry Devine (City Council), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), Christi Carver, Damian Cobey, Sarah Hurst, George Solley, Amanda Stebbins

**Ex-Officio Members:** Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Diane Jones (R-Board), M.C. Morris (R-Board), Diane Beyer (Public Works), Holly Chichester (Green Committee Chair)

\* **Call to order at 6:30 p.m.**

\* **Approval of January Minutes** of motioned by Sarah Hurst and seconded with suggested adjustments by Michelle Crow-Dolby.

\* **Public Comments:** Paula Chow spoke on behalf of 'Save Trestle Park' and asked the Commission to support Darbytown residents to designate and preserve the open space by the train station known as Trestle Park. The action requested is for the Commission to send a letter on or before Feb 26, 2020, to City Council requesting that the open space south of the current train station be formally designated and preserved as a city park named Trestle Park. That the proposed location for the new bathrooms and bike storage be built south of current train station, as appears in Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Area 7. Conway Elementary School Student Lily Tipling shared her idea to encourage restaurants to use more sustainable products by giving them a tax break. Commissioners applauded this effort and encouraged Lily to share her ideas at the next City Council's meeting.

\* **Commission Sustainability Award**

The Green Spotlight Designation annual renewable guidelines draft was presented and discussed. Shooting for an announcement on Earth Day.

\* **C&G 2020 Initiatives**

Council will be taking this up in their Feb. 25 work session.

\* **Green Drinks, 3/18**

Robert and David Cooper were to tentatively talk about their work at the Thurman Brisben Center.

### **\* Committee Updates**

**Clean Committee:** Damian Cobey reported all Butt Butlers have been installed on city trashcans. A list of all the Butler locations was compiled. The Commission plans to buy two additional Butlers for high use areas. The Commission sent a press release to the city to distribute. Michelle will attend a stormwater/litter prevention, day-long workshop at Randolph Macon College on March 10 and will bring back information to the Public Works Department. Interns continue their work servicing Butlers and mutt mitt stations, are beginning to plan a Spring butt cleanup, and tabled at the film screening for 'Eating Up Easter' at Gari Melchers Home and Studio. M.C. will send a recycling flyer to the JMHS librarian who will copy and laminate them and recruit student to affix on all school recycling receptacles.

**Green Committee:** Holly Chichester was introduced as the new Green Committee Chair. There will be two spring tree plantings at the baseball stadium for a total of 200 trees. In addition, they plan two tree giveaways on March 28 (400 trees, city residents) and April 8 (1,000 trees at Earth Day Festival) as well as an Arbor Day celebration on April 8.

**Sustainability Committee:** Robert reported that the Thurman Brisben Center's solar project launch party planning is now underway. The baseball stadium's solar parking light project is a go and additional solar projects are being discussed. An implementation task force is being encouraged for the renewable energy resolution that City Council passed last year.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting March 2, 2020.