



**Clean and Green Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 5, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Attending: Robert Courtnage (Chair), Michelle Crow-Dolby (Vice-Chair), Kerry Devine (City Council) Christi Carver, Damian Cobey, George Solley, Amanda Stebbins, Holly Chichester, Carolyn Helfrich

Ex-Officio Members Attending : Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Diane Jones (R-Board), Ray Regan (Public Works), Anne Little (Tree Fredericksburg),

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

* Approval of Minutes of September meeting motioned by George Solly and seconded by Kerry Devine. All in favor.

***C&G Budget for FY2021-** Mr. Ward of Parks and Recreation reports that \$375.00 of \$6,500 has been spent so far this year and an expected \$1,200 will be needed for personnel expenses. Mr. Ward was asked if the interns might be brought back to help with public education and environmental messaging; for example, to develop an environmental webpage on the city website. The Commission also requested money for sustainability awards, (stickers for storefront windows). Mr. Ward will investigate the status of the budget requests and report back at the November meeting.

***Fredericksburg Solarize Update-** Three webinars were held with over 100 participants and 50+ participants have signed up for the program. As of today, six have signed contracts to install solar. Ms. Anne Little, who helped coordinate the program with Chairman, Robert Courtnage, will follow up with the folks who signed up and ask for feedback on the program. Ms. Carver expressed hope that the Architectural Review Board would support residents who live in the historic district and want to install solar. Ms. Little suggested solarize campaigns be held annually.

***Sustainability award-** Ms. Hurst and Ms. Carver are meeting later this week to discuss the status of sustainability awards.

* **Clean Committee update:** A fall litter pick up is scheduled for November 14th. People will meet at Old Mill Park and spread out from there. Diane Jones announced an initiative that can utilize volunteers working for three hours, one weekend a month, at the Recycling Center. Training will be provided. There is some confusion about the availability of new cigarette receptacles from Keep Virginia Beautiful. Mr. Ward says the parks could use more. Ms. Crow-Dolby has done a survey downtown and identified where new ones are needed and where broken ones need to be replaced. It is estimated that 20-30 more could be utilized. Mr. Courtnage will follow up with Keep Virginia Beautiful to see if more donated receptacles are



available to the city. October 10th 9 am – 3 pm, Bellman road is hosting a hazard waste collection at the City Shop.

* **Green Committee update**-Upcoming planting of 212 trees and 300 shrubs at the Fredericksburg Nationals stadium site. Rappahannock Electrical Coop assisted with a \$5,000 grant. Tree Fredericksburg has been waiting for a signature of the MOU with the city and a budget from the city. The preferred time to plant trees is in the fall and without needed information from the city, such as a budget and the number of trees removed since March the program is unable to plan, plant or keep commitments to suppliers. A meeting will be held this week with Mr. Baroody, Tree Fredericksburg, Doug Fawcett and Diane Beyer in hopes of resolving the uncertainty. The Clean and Green Commission supports the essential role of Tree Fredericksburg in the city and a continuation of the partnership with the city.

* **Sustainability Committee update**- Periodic interfaces with City Council along with the public are recommended to keep us all on track and informed on progress toward meeting the renewable energy resolution goals. Ms. Devine said the retreat in December is the time plans are made for the next several years. Mr. Courtage emphasized the need for the city to have a plan with specific steps in order to meet the goals of the renewable energy resolution. An energy audit is needed. Mr. Regan will check on the status of the audit and report back in November. The Climate, Environment and Resiliency (CLEAR) group initiatives provide an outline for environmental priority planning.

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m.