CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION
Minutes
Monday August 17, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.

Present: Anne Little, , Laura Shepherd, William Kjar, , George Solley (City Council), Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Diane Jones (R Board), Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Eric Nelson(Planning)

Call to Order

- Tree Committee Update
  1. Boards were removed downtown by the Micah Group and new mulch was applied. They did about 60 trees and a great job.
  2. We have found a number of local nurseries to purchase from. Kipps Nursery near Culpepper is a good candidate. Dave King and Anne Little will investigate.
  3. Discussion about the tree budget and what we can afford this year. It was decided that the City crew will plant 30 balled and burlap trees downtown this year and we will purchase 100 small RPM trees to plant with volunteers.
  4. We discussed the tree list further and have narrowed it down. The following people have joined the Tree Committee to lend their expertise: Guy Mussey, extension agent for Fredericksburg; Joni Wilson, Director of Landscape Mary Washington University; Rob Allen, Arborist, Bartlett Trees; Steve Rossi Colesville Nursery.
  5. We also discussed a mechanism for considering future trees that are not on the list. A sub committee consisting of Rob Allen, Dave King and guy Mussey was formed to formulate standards for planting, pruning and mulching for all s=contract work in the city.

Clean Committee Update

1. The Clean Committee will participate in the Christmas Parade. Details to follow
2. Poster Contest is slated for the City Schools and cash prizes will be awarded. We are requesting that the winners be presented at the City Council meeting on 11/10
3. We are working with public works to purchase 6 recycle cans to put on Caroline Street. We are seeking a volunteer to paint them/
4. Deb ward has sent out a letter to the merchants regarding street side tables. We asked to have a reminder included that they are required to sweep their sidewalks and curbs at least once a day.

- Updates

1. Reminder to everyone on the commission to track their efforts for inclusion on volunteer time.
2. We are seeking a member for our commission from Wards 1 and 3. Anne will send a letter to the Council Members from those Wards.
3. We had meeting with DRMI and others regarding Downtown Economic Development and how we can partner on issues like trees and litter.
4. Anne Little spoke to Fredericksburg Roundtable Group this month and presented our Commission goals and objectives.

- We have asked to see the downtown River Park and the plans for the plantings. Bob Antozzi getting back to us.

Upcoming Events/ Meetings

8/19 DRMI Meeting University Cafe
9/13 Idlewild Neighborhood Meeting
10/10 Fall tree planting prep

10/17 Fall tree planting
10/24 FOR Clean up
10/31 and 11/21 Tree pruning workshop
11/9 Arbor Day Foundation Conference Portland Oregon
11/? America Recycles Day

Next Meetings

9-3-09 - Clean Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m. City Hall
9-8-09- Green Committee Meeting, City Hall 8:00 a.m.
9-21-09.Clean and Green Commission 6 pm Heritage Center, Maury Commons - 6 p.m.

Adjournment