CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION
Minutes - Monday, Feb 22, 2010

Members present : Anne Little, Carolyn Helfrich, , Paula Chow, , Mary Repass, Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Diane Jones (R Board), Nancy Segarra (Public Works),

Also in attendance: Dave King public works and guest speaker– Julie May (R-Board)

The meeting was called to order at 8 am

James Lawrence was there for the Public Comment period, and began a speech, but was removed by the police for his actions prior to the Public Comment period, and discussion of this incident was held by the Commission after Mr. Lawrence was arrested.

Mary Repass moved that we accept the minutes from 1/25/10 – Motioned carried

Paula Chow did an update on the Clean Committee
1.Poster Contest follow-up
We'll leave the posters hanging in the east stairwell as long as allowable. We need a flyer explaining the poster contest - Paula will complete this week. Mary submitted photos and an article to both the "Free Lance Star" and "Front Porch."

2. Cigarette butt litter campaign
We will need to greatly expand and broaden how we set up our campaign. Anne will be working with DRMI about the campaign. There are ongoing plans to go door to door of downtown eateries/businesses to get them on-board actively via education, commitment, receptacles, back door receptacles, signage, sidewalk clearance, etc.
Ideas discussed included Laura's suggestion of a Face book/You Tube type of competition, education, awareness project., using the media and technology current to today's youth and general population of "show your butt" theme.. Another idea was from UMW student Hannah Hopkins who suggested that volunteers pick up cigarette butts for a month and display them in a case with data/info. We will look at how other states /cities have handled this campaign to take advantage of their work and save time/resources. Anne & Paula will survey the receptacle number/placement in the city and federal buildings in Fredericksburg.

3. Recycle Receptacles
The 8 receptacles are at the City shop waiting welding of the tops. Paula will work with Dave King, Zolly and their staff to figure out the mechanics of accomplishing this project. It is agreed that the the receptacles need to be placed next to trash receptacles. We will concentrate on one or two blocks on Caroline Street rather than scatter them all over. It is agreed to request that Public Works include at least 3 new receptacles each budget year.

4. Earth Day - April 24th Old Mill Park
Earth Day will be the kick-off for the cigarette butt litter campaign. It will be the focus for Clean & Green Committee's booth. In addition Laura will arrange for the rickshaw and music, helping with recycling beverage containers. We will display other things: recyclables with the bin and the city's "what to recycle" brochure. We will also have the remainder of the reusable bags and can have people draw for a bag. We will have laptops to enter email addresses (save paper and illegible handwriting).

5. We are working with Marine Corps marathon folks to create green event.

Our guest speaker Julie May from the R-Board discussed education ideas and how we can partner with the R-board and other entities to increase recycling in schools, public places, schools, churches and by residents.

Tree Committee Update

1. Pruning workshop for City staff March 2nd at University of Mary Washington from 9 to noon.
2. Washington Mall Arbor Day Tree planting – we will discuss the tree selection at next Green Meeting
3. Canopy Study by State – discussion on moving forward with this project. Needs to go to City Council next
4. Clean & Green applied for small budget stipend in the next budget. We need funds for education, printing and basic supplies.

Next Meetings/Events

3-1-10 – Clean Committee Meeting – City Hall 8:30 am
3-2-10 – Tree pruning workshop – UMW campus 9 to noon – Guy Mussey, Rob Allen
3-3-10 GW Commission discussion on recycling 8:30am
3-9-10 (2nd Tuesday) – Green Committee Meeting – City Hall 8am
3-15-10 (3rd Monday) – Clean & Green Commission Meeting – City Hall 8am
4/3/10 – CSX / RR Avenue planting - ribbon cutting. 3:30 p.m. RR Avenue and Tyler Street, Mayfield
4/16/10 Garden Club Arbor Day Event – Noon – Kenmore
4-24-10 Earth Day – Old Mill Park 11-4pm
4/30/10 – 5/1/10 Arbor Day Events – Tree planting

We adjourned at 9:10am