CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION
Monday November 16, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

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

Call to Order
Public Comment Period – James Lawrence, 802 Caroline Street spoke
The Minutes from 10/19/09 were approved without change

Green Committee Updates

- CSX planting will be within the next month. Funds from CSX to tree Fredericksburg have been approved. Steve Rossi will do the planting for this project at minimum cost.

- Tree Canopy Study discussed by City Staff with State Forestry Dept. State is asking for either a 40% tree canopy or an increase of 5% of the canopy. The state requires that ordinances or a City resolution be done to support this effort. This is being discussed by the staff. Also discussed the creation of a requirement for an arborist approval for all new development. We will review the guidelines for trees for Fredericksburg and also for Alexandria and other cities.

- 122 Trees have been planted so far this fall by scouts, and volunteers. 171 more trees to be planted by Tree Fred and about 40 by city staff. Mostly downtown tree wells will be filled. In addition, 10 trees are being purchased by downtown merchants to be planted downtown.

- The first training for Tree stewards for the City was Saturday, 10-31. We will discuss this more next meeting. Discussed getting all city staff trained including Schools. We will set date and invite. We all will research Tree stewards. Rob will bring us info re Richmond, Everyone else on the Committee should try to see what they can find and send link to info as you find it to other committee members.

- Tree tags were shown and changes suggested. Dave King approved them for the City
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- We discussed the tree list and Joni and Steve will come back next month with a suggested list of evergreen trees for parks. We also reviewed tree well trees for downtown and added the Carpus carolinus to the list. We will also discuss trees for under power lines after hearing from Dominion Power.

- We will invite the arborist from Dominion Power to speak to us next month re wires and pruning and our concerns

- Twelve hanging baskets were constructed by volunteers for the visitor center parking lot and hung on 11/20. Carolyn Helfrich was the coordinator of this effort with 100 hours of volunteer labor.
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Clean Committee Update

1. Poster campaign
   - Judges met on Oct 31 to select winners
   - Winners awarded money & certificate on Nov. 10 at City Council meeting

- Winning posters will be exhibited downtown in January

2. Christmas Parade planning discussed
   - Visitor's Center can be used by volunteer
   - Public works will keep track of hours of sanitation workers' overtime saved.
   - Everyone will help with the recruitment of volunteers.
   - Volunteers need to sign the waiver for City

We discussed our meeting times and voted to change our regular meeting to the third Monday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at and have it at City Hall.

Next Meetings
Monday - 1/4/10 - Clean Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m. City Hall (first Monday)
1/12/10- Green Committee Meeting, 8:00 a.m. City Hall (2nd Tuesday)
1/25/10.Clean and Green Commission 8:00 a.m. City Hall (regularly 3rd Monday but moved to 4th Monday because of Martin Luther King Holiday)

Upcoming Events
1/6-1/9 MANTS (Mid Atlantic Nursery Trade Show)
1/20 DRMI Meeting – Free Lance Star Community Room
1/22 – Mulching Cosey Park – UMW Students
1/23 – Ivy removal – UMW students meet - Maury Park
3/27 Dedication - RR Avenue tree planting /CSX
4/30 – Arbor Day

Adjournment at 7:00 p.m.