Clean Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2009

Present: Diane Jones, Mary Repass, Ann Little, Laura Shepherd, Paula Chow

1. Cigarette Litter campaign
Paula will meet with school principals next week and include the art teachers. Rules for the posters: maximum size 11 1/2"x 17", may enter more than one poster. 3 judges (2 merchant, 1 from Free Lance Star), dates - Oct. 1 - Nov. 1, with Nov. 15 as target date (America Recycles Day). City Council recognition with a ribbon. Local tv media to also showcase. Diane will solicit the art stores for possible gift certificates.

2. Reusable Bag campaign

a. Giant - Anne is contact for Shawn, manager, while Paula is on vacation. Senior Center not ready to sell the bags due to their chaos of remodeling, etc. They are interested in selling the bags next Spring. We'll use the Scouts.

b. Farmers Market - Diane said that the reusable bags from the R-Board grant can be used for the Farmers Markets. 400 left - 100 each week for 4 weeks. Diane will post invitations via email to the scout troops in the area and the first 4 responders can be assigned to sell the bags for their profit at $1 each. Each group will be responsible to bring their own table. Anne will create a durable sign/banner that can be displayed at this table identifying the Clean & Green Commission. Diane will work on pledge cards.

3. Christmas Parade
Laura suggested a litter patrol prior to the parade, every 30 minutes thereafter and then at the end. This patrol would have a specific color pennants identifying the C & G Commission, with perhaps musicians to grab attention, gather at the Visitor's Center or its parking lot (maybe get hot chocolate). One trash collector per float is needed besides the volunteers. Diane will look into acquiring colored trash bags, one for recycled cans & bottles & one for trash. Dumpsters or trucks in strategic locations for the collection are needed. Anne will meet with Karen in Dept. of Economic Dev't who coordinates & works with the parade participants about this idea, discuss the candy throwing & dovetailing with the public works staff. Of note is the substantial savings of overtime monies with the implementation of this project.
4. Cigarette Smoking ban in restaurants commence Jan.1, 2010
Anne suggested that we begin working with the restaurants to inquire about their plans to comply with the law and encourage the purchase of the cigarette chimney for both the front and rear of the restaurants. They can be purchased for under $50. Paula will begin with Capitol Ale House. Reminders that littering is illegal which includes cigarette butts.

5. First Night
Litter issue - Parks & Recreation is in charge. We need to work with them about prohibiting metal confetti, increasing the number of trash boxes, etc. this requires further discussion at the next meeting.

No meeting in July. Next meeting is **August 3, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at 904 Caroline Street**. (Paula will be on vacation).