CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION
Monday, March 15th, 2010 - 8:00 a.m.

Members in attendance: Anne Little, Carolyn Helfrich, , Mary Repass (downtown representative), George Solley (City Council), Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Diane Jones (R Board), Nancy Segarra (Public Works)

Call to Order at 8:10am
There was no one in attendance that provided public comment.
Carolyn Helfrich moved that we approve the minutes from 1/25/10. The motion was seconded and the commission approved the motion.
Mary Repass moved that we approve the minutes from 2/22/10 . The motion was seconded and the commission approved the motion.

Tree Committee Update
Tree Pruning workshop for City staff on March 2nd at UMW was a great success. We had over 45 attendees including staff from Parks and Rec, Public Works, Master gardeners, UMW staff. Guy Mussey from extension gave the class along with Rob Allen from Bartlett Trees. Clean & Green Commission, Public Works, Tree Fredericksburg and UMW staff sponsored the workshop. We were very fortunate to have such great participation and volunteer help. An additional class will be held in the fall for those unable to attend this time.

Matthew Boltz the arborist for Dominion Power made a presentation to our committee. Matt will be joining our committee and we are looking for other ways to partner with Dominion to plant the right trees under power lines and for possible financial assistance.

The Washington Mall Arbor Day event on April 16th will be held at 10am. The entire commission is invited.

The Tree canopy study with the State Forestry Dept is in the process. Dave King from Public Works is working on this with Barbara White from the State.. The Commission will work with Public Works on this project.

The Commission is connecting with Downtown merchants and residence to communicate our efforts for improving the downtown area. In conjunction with Economic Development and Public Works, we will be working on removing bad trees; planting new trees; re-orienting tree wells to not obstruct car doors; enlarging tree wells to give the roots more room; installing recycle bins on Caroline Street; and working with downtown of flowers and plantings in the tree wells and flower pots.

We will be working with public Works to check the contract for the phone company contract for tree pruning and try to connect with their forestry dept.

Clean Committee Update
Worked with half marathon folks from Quantico to create a green race event
Cigarette Campaign still in the works
Earth Day Event to be coordinated with R Board

New Business
Requested $1400 in funds for Clean Commission printing and education efforts in City Budget – we were denied but Councilor Solley will discuss with Council. Tree fund request from City were 15k to plant the 150 planned trees for downtown. Councilor George Solley will discuss with Council

We discussed getting our message and info out on utility bills. We will continue to investigate

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am

Next Meetings/Events
3/27 –Saturday - Garden club energy forum – James Monroe High school 1-4pm
3/29 –Monday - Ivy removal downtown Riverfront Park 10am
4/3 –Saturday - CSX / RR Avenue planting - ribbon cutting. 3:30 p.m. RR Avenue, Mayfield (this is revised date)
4/5 – (first Monday) Clean Committee – City Hall 8:30 am
4/13 –(2nd Tuesday) Green Committee – City Hall 8:00 am
4/16 – Friday - Garden Club Arbor Day Event – 10am – Kenmore
4/17 – Saturday - tree planting 9- noon
4/19 – (3rd Monday) - Clean & green Commission Meeting 8:00 am City Hall
4-24 – Saturday - Earth Day – Old Mill Park 11-4pm