Beautification Commission Meeting 11-17-08 –Fredericksburg Clean and Green

Attendees: Anne Little, Linda Thornton, Carolyn Helfrich, Carl Spangler, Laura Shepherd, Georege Solley, Mike Ward, Diane Jones, Nancy Segarra

The group met in the Heritage Center at the old Maury School. We plan to meet here from now on.

Minutes from previous meeting will be forthcoming from Carl Little. (Linda missed the meeting because she couldn't get into City Hall.)

Clean sub-committee report by Diane
They do not want to duplicate what is being done...so we need to know what's being done now. She had a handout that lists road names that are being covered. Is there an issue with road cleaning at this point?
Walker Grant and Hugh Mercer locations now accept single stream recycle.
Sub-committee needs input on what do we need?
Laura went to downtown merchants meeting. It was not well attended. Apparently they are tuned in via email and are busy. Perhaps we could communicate with them via email and get their input that way. Laura gave the downtown merchant's Diane's email. Laura says they may need some cajoling.
Cigarette butt receptacles were discussed at one time. Julie May of the R-Board is in position to do the campaign to help with funding and help with ideas. Idea from Anne for adopt-a-street program/spot in the city for litter control. Tap into service clubs at the college and at James Monroe and others throughout the community. Will set another sub-committee meeting soon.

Presentation to Council
Anne met with a small group to find out what we are going to say to council. They discussed the role and changes, etc. A 3 page talking points was presented to committee members and discussed. Suggestions made included:
-Another sub-committee or branch will be added for beautification/amenities, etc.
-re-numbering and re-wording a few points
Anne will present this at the work session to be held next Tuesday Nov 25 6 pm. Changes of the by-laws will be presented at a council meeting and have to go through a public hearing before they are approved.

Other
Washington Circle was planted with money from the Confederate Ridge Garden Club. Anne will send a letter of thanks to the group. And will send a letter to the editor as well.
Tree planting last weekend at Marye Street, Barton street, Kenmore and Mary Ball streets. RPM trees purchased by public works – 52 were planted, 14 going to parks, 18 to the university, 10 are going to downtown greens and some to JMHS and doggie park. There were about 30 volunteers altogether over two days. About 20 of the trees are in yards. Another tree planting is planned for spring. There will be an article in the paper sometime soon. Anne and David have been talking to people and Nick Cadwallender is on board. Lesson learned: "Make them dig the hole, before you give them the tree." There might be bare root planting next fall. They take a lot less time to plant and take fewer people. People are signing up to be tree stewards and tree ambassadors.

Deferred discussion on the removal of boards from around trees on city streets.

The trees removed from Hurkamp park were scheduled for removal prior to the Sarah Palin visit. They will be replaced with other trees as scheduled.

Compared and contrasted Tree F'burg and Clean and Green commission for presentation. Suggestions were made.
Next meeting
Tree Subcommitee: 12/15/08 4:00
Commission: 12/15/08 6:00