



## CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION



Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 9:00 am

Green Committee – Minutes

City Hall, Room 214

Meeting called to order by Anne Little at 9:05 am.

Green Committee Members present: Diane Beyer, Jason Coiner, Lisa Durham, Steve Gaske, Carl Little, Erik Nelson, Aaron Simmons, Tom Snoddy, Frank Widic, and Anne Little (Interim Chair)

- Introduction - Guests, New Members, etc.: - None
- November 12, 2019: Minutes were approved as submitted.
- Public Comments: - None
- Baseball Stadium Design
  - Planting the Stadium – Owners want a program set up so that every time the team hits a home run they plant a tree. This will be about 400 trees a year. Friends of the Rappahannock will plant a number of the trees in their riparian projects, and Tree Fredericksburg will plant some in the city. The baseball team also want Tree Fredericksburg to organize a volunteer planting for 100 to 200 trees at the stadium this spring before opening day.
  - Bird Friendly Glass – There will be a meeting with the baseball team owners next week to discuss the possibility of using bird friendly glass in the new stadium.
- London Plane Tree – Is it an appropriate tree for Virginia?
  - Bacterial leaf scorch is rampant among them, especially when planted in a monoculture. It is best to plant them individually, scattered around.
  - The Swamp White Oak would be a better choice for a large tree. Sawtooth Oak would be another choice, but it has a large acorn.
- Pumphouse Project Update:
  - None today.
- Parks, Recreation and Events Update – Aaron Simmons:
  - Christmas Parade took place.
  - All seasonal employees are gone for now.
  - No Parking Signs for events need to have clear instructions that signs must not be put on trees. Ordinance wording is being reviewed and clarified at this time. Public Works and Parks are working on this.
- Tree Fredericksburg Update – Carl Little:
  - Planted 27 B&B trees in Idlewild Section 2. Funded by the Idlewild HOA.

- Planted 28 B&B trees as replacements around the City.
- Conducted a mulching project for court kids along the Heritage Trail and at Cossey Pond.
- Pruning session along the Heritage Trail near Friends of the Rappahannock.
- Another mulching project will be conducted in December at Cossey Pond using court kids.
- City Update – Diane Beyer:
  - Public Works has put funding in the budget for porous paving material to use for sidewalk replacement in selected locations, such as Idlewild. This would help with stormwater mitigation.
  - Public Works has reached an agreement with Idlewild that they will notify Public Works when they have planted trees, and Public Works will inspect.
  - A contract is being worked for additional clean up along the canal, from Fall Hill Ave to Hanson Ave.
- UMW Update – Holly Chichester:
  - Some complaints still coming in from Sunken Road area that we did not plant enough trees to block headlights from the UMW parking lot. A plan is in the works to add screening to the fence to remedy this situation until the trees and shrubbery develop.
- Tree Steward Update:
  - Tree Steward training course will be conducted during January – March. Later in the spring the course will include two pruning sessions, and a tree identification session.
- Member Comments:
  - Frank, thank all the committee members for their input and support.
  - Tom, has a two acre tree planting project on private property on Saturday, 0930. Planting 1,000 short leaf pines.
  - Aaron, at Hurkamp the large Hackberry on George St side is going to be cabled and pinned. A large damaged tree by the rescue squad building is going to be removed. A new Christmas tree by the William St entrance is planned.
  - Tree Fredericksburg is going to be doing a tree giveaway in the spring, approximately 1,000 trees. Some trees could possibly be brought in for other planting needs.
  - Jason, Bartlett is considering doing a Christmas tree disposal event probably just after New Year's Day.
  - Diane, new edition of the Urban News Letter is now online.
- Upcoming Events:
  - 12/21/2019 – Pruning at Cossey Pond – 9:00am
  - 01/07/2020 through 03/03/2020 – Tree Steward Certification Classes
  - 03/28/2020 – 1,000 Tree Giveaway

- 04/04/2020 – Plant Baseball Park
- Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 9:00 am