



## **MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Virtually via Go-To-Meeting pursuant to and in compliance with City Council Ord.  
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**Commissioners Attending:** Sarah Hurst (Chair), Amanda Stebbins (Vice Chair), Kerry Devine (City Council), Damian Cobey (Clean Subcommittee Chair), Robert Courtnage (Sustainability Subcommittee Chair), Kimberly Bastress (Secretary), Christi Carver, George Solley

**Ex-officio Members Attending:** Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Diane Jones and M.C. Morris (R-Board), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), Tyler Gelles (Public Works), Shelby Bourquein (UMW Intern), Holly Chichester (Green Subcommittee), Bruce Saller (Sustainability Subcommittee)

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.**

**Minutes from May 2021 meeting approved as submitted.**

### **Business Items:**

#### **Sustainability Award updates – Sarah Hurst**

Sustainability Award winners were recently featured in a write-up on social media. There are currently additional businesses in the process of applying. Commissioners were encouraged to reach out to businesses they frequent to advise them of the award opportunity.

Interested applicants can go to the following website to apply:

<https://www.cleanandgreenfxbg.com/sustainabilityaward>

#### **Intern Update/Turnover – Mike Ward/ Shelby Bourquein**

Shelby will be leaving the commission shortly and will be reaching out to potential candidates through her contacts at UMW for a possible replacement. She recently created the “Green Spotlight” award/write-up on Facebook and is also working on creating a virtual map of the Mutt Mitt locations and a map of cigarette Butt Butler bucket locations. She will include features such as usage level for each location and note any issues using tags.

#### **Mission Statement Updates/ By-Law changes – Amanda Stebbins/ Sarah Hurst**

Sarah will send the revised mission statement and by-laws with incorporated suggestions for final review and input by the commission following the meeting. The commission will vote on the revised documents in the next meeting.

#### **Solarize Campaign in July and August –Robert Courtnage/ Anne Little**

Robert and Anne are working with the Local Energy Alliance Program to host a 4<sup>th</sup> Fredericksburg Solarize campaign. They will meet with the City’s Community Planning and Buliding Department to help better facilitate solar installations throughout the city.



## CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

### **Table & Handouts at First Fridays – Bruce Saller**

Bruce has set up a table sharing information about the commission at First Friday. He's hoping for increased turnout at next month's event.

### **Sustainability Coordinator Job – George Solley/ Kerry Devine**

The Sustainability Coordinator job posting will go live next week pending budget approval.

### **Discussion:**

#### **Trail Trash Pick up – Sarah Hurst**

Complaints were posted on social media regarding trash pick up on the Heritage Trail. Commission members will check in with Parks and Rec officials regarding the issue.

#### **Plastic Bag Tax – Kerry Devine**

Kerry will bring up the Plastic Bag Tax for discussion at the upcoming City Council meeting. Roanoke was the first city to pass the tax in April.

#### **Local Composting – M.C. Morris**

A local couple has started a composting site called Generation Compost in Embury Mills and is providing general education and tours. Composting may be dropped off at the FOOD COOP for a small fee ([www.generationcompost.com](http://www.generationcompost.com)). Please let M.C. know if anyone is aware of other local composting initiatives.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

- **Clean Committee – Damian Cobey**
  - Planning to reconnect with FCPS before the start of the new school year to see how the commission can support the school's recycling effort.
  
- **Green Committee – Anne Little**
  - There was a Love Scrub that Tree Fredericksburg participated in at Hurkamp Park, the train station and the Visitor's Center. They are looking into a grant to redesign Hurkamp Park.
  - There was a meeting with Fairfax about park and tree challenges.
  - The work of Tree Fredericksburg Tree Stewards was featured in the Free Lance Star.
  - Tree Stewards have installed moisture meters and found that often times, trees are over watered.
  
- **Sustainability Committee – Robert Courtnage**
  - Currently working with the Fredericksburg Nationals to continue sustainability initiatives.



## **CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION**

- Have been in touch with the Empower House and plan to contact Loisann's Hope House regarding possible solar installations.
- In discussions regarding increasing access to solar by lower income and marginalized communities.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.**