

## **CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION - Minutes**

Monday, March 7, 2011– 6:00 p.m.

**Members in attendance:** Anne Little, David Dorsey (at Large), Paula Chow (at Large), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), George Solley (City Council), Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Nancy Segarra (Public Works)

**Members Absent:** Eric Nelson (Planning), Laura Shepherd (Ward 4), Mary Repass (At Large), Diane Jones (R Board)

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

The minutes from 2/7/11 were approved with a motion from George Solley and a second from Paula Chow.

### **Update Clean committee**

Paula Chow gave update on activities of Clean Committee. They are working on getting ready for Earth Day and the exhibits for that event. We will have a table at the Marine Corp half marathon event the day before at the exhibition center.

We discussed the cigarette campaign and how we can reenergize the effort. We are going to look at putting cigarette butt containers in the downtown area and working with merchants to empty the containers. We are not sure if the City code prohibits littering of cigarette butts. George Solley will check on this and if it is not in the code he will work to correct it. We also discussed working with the police department and ask them to give warning tickets to offenders. We will wait to do this after we confirm that the code has this provision in it.

We also discussed doggy bags and the possibility of having some in the downtown area. Mike Ward said that they need to be installed in a high traffic area with lighting because of vandalism. We discussed having them in the riverfront park and also at Hurkamp park but Mike said that he did not think it would work because the bags needed to be refilled and the boxes would be vandalized.

We also discussed doing an education campaign and trying out new dog litter signs in one or two parks to see if different signs could make a difference. We will set up a survey monkey and also do a survey of dog owners and new signage and see if that resonates with dog owners. We will continue this discussion at our meeting next month.

### **Update Tree Working Group**

We are setting up an appointment with Chief Nye to discuss redesigning the trees around the police building. We will also be meeting to discuss the park design at Powhatan.

**Next Meetings/Events**

Saturday	3/19	Tree Planting	9am	Old Mill Park
Saturday	4/2	Tree Planting	9am	Downtown
Monday	4/4	Clean Committee	8:30am	City Hall
Monday	4/4	Clean & Green Commission	6pm	City Hall
Tuesday	4/12	Green Committee	8am	City Hall
Saturday	4/9	Tree Planting	9am	Downtown
Saturday	4/16	Earth Day	11am	Old Mill Park
Saturday	4/23	Tree Planting	9am	Downtown
Saturday	4/30	Tree Planting	9am	Downtown

Adjournment