

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Minutes

Monday, August 5, 2013– 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Anne Little (Ward 2), Steve Hubble (Ward 3), Anthony Catanese (Ward 4), David Dorsey (at Large), Paula Chow (at Large), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), George Solley (City Council). **Ex-officio Members:** Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Diane Jones (R Board), Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Bryan Hoffman (FOR)

Guests: Denise Benson - resident, Evelyn Hartman – Sustainability Coordinator UMW

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

The minutes of 6-3-13 were approved unanimously without changes with a motion from George Solley

We discussed the proposal from the Wetlands Board that asked to change the ordinance on litter to a class 1 misdemeanor instead of class 4. George Solley will contact Kathleen Dooley to research next steps.

Mike Ward explained the new Park and Recreation initiative to stop smoking in Parks. Signs have been posted to ask people not to smoke in parks.

Paula Chow explained the fall campaign for “Butts are Litter Too” that will be conducted in partnership with the University of Mary Washington. That campaign kicks off in mid September.

We discussed the cigarette butt receptacles in downtown and the challenges that we are seeing; broken, stolen, not being used, etc. We will go back and try to come up with a better plan and report back to the commission.

Diane Jones from the R Board discussed the litter grant money and how our commission can access some of these funds. We will be using some of these funds for dog bags for the dog stations and recycle bins for Hugh Mercer and Walker Grant schools for the classrooms.

George Solley suggested we make another effort to talk to the schools about recycling. Diane will work with us to increase our efforts.

We discussed the café ordinance and the standards and how to get better compliance. More information needed on this.

Fall Tree planting locations are listed below.

Downtown - 25
Hurkamp - 20
Train Station 13
Villas of Snowden -50
Stuart/ Maury St -50
Washington Ave/Mary Ball Memorial Park - 50
Preserve - 50
Stafford/Dandridge/Augustine -50
Charles/ /Old Walker Grant - 50

Artificial mulch – two test sites were done in downtown area. More will be added as can be budgeted for.

We discussed the need for a few more trash cans in the William Street corridor – especially the 400 block,

Old Growth designation for Smith Run Trail trees was discussed – Erik Nelson will pursue

Mulching Standards document complete and will be sent out to groups and businesses. The Green Working Group will put this together.

Diane Jones reported on litter events and pounds of litter picked up. The results are listed below for fiscal 13

City of Fredericksburg FY13				
<u>Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Results</u>	<u>Results</u>	<u>Comments</u>
		<i>in Lbs.</i>	<i>Other</i>	
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F.O.R. Fall River Clean-up (banks)	Sep-12	6,380		Tourism impacts the overall health of the City's economy
City Community Pride Initiative (Fall)	Oct-12	23,480		
Amer. Canoe Assoc (in water)	1-Jun-13	2,200		Litter triggers more Litter
Cigarette clean-ups				
R-Board Road cleaning	Jul 1 to June 1	36,000		
F.O.R. Spring River Clean-up (banks)		4,680	31 tires	Also, consider all the labor hours
City Public Works Dept Activity	Jul 1 to June 1			
City Community Pride Initiative (Spring)	Apr-13	21,000		
Totals:		93,740		

We adjourned at 7 pm