

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Minutes

Monday, November 4, 2013– 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Anne Little (Ward 2), Anthony Catanese (Ward 4), David Dorsey (at Large), Justin Estes (At Large), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), George Solley (City Council). **Ex-officio Members:** Diane Jones (R Board), Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Eric Nelson (Planning), **Other Attendees:** Bryan Hoffman (FOR), Greg Rolf (American Canoe)

The meeting was called to order at 6pm

The newest member of our commission was introduced and welcomed. Justin Estes is the new At-Large representative.

The minutes from 10-7-13 were approved with a motion from Tony Catanese and a second from Carolyn Helfrich.

Clean Committee

- Recycling in the schools – Diane Jones gave a presentation on the progress they are making. Hugh Mercer will begin recycling in the classrooms starting this fall. The recycling bins have been spruced up behind the school. Diane also discussed the recycling efforts and how the R Board is scaling back efforts to recycle only plastics with a 1 or 2 designation because of the demands of the market for only these products.
- Nancy Segarra reported on the updated preparations for the downtown Christmas Parade. There are stricter guidelines in place and the Rotary is really stepping up its efforts. More trash receptacles will be placed downtown and along the arteries. Traffic will be held back from Caroline and Princess Anne Streets until all trash is cleaned up by the City crews.
- We discussed the ashtray program downtown and the Green Committee will be redesigning the program this spring.
- George Solley will talk to the City Attorney about changing the litter law to a Class 1 misdemeanor and find out what this effort would entail.

Green Committee

- Final tree planting for fall 2013 was 450 trees.
- Artificial mulch was installed in the 900 block of Caroline Street on all the tree wells. This is a test and if successful the artificial mulch will be rolled out to all tree wells in the downtown area. The cost is about \$200 per tree well which is much less expensive than the metal grates and much easier to expand the tree area as the trees grow
- Planting standards are being developed by the Green Committee and should be ready this spring.

The Commission will not meet in December. We are formulating a plan for a retreat this spring to discuss the future of our Commission and the direction we would like to take.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.