

CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Minutes

Monday, June 1, 2015 - 6:00pm

Members Present: Anne Little, Chair (Ward 2), David Dorsey (at Large), Paula Chow (at Large), Kerry Devine (City Council). **Ex-Officio Members:** Mike Ward (Parks & Rec), Nancy Segarra (Public Works). **Contributing Associates:** Ann Gearon (Landscape Architect). **Invited Guests:** Michelle Crow-Dolby, Robert Courtnage.

Call to Order at 6:00pm.

Approval of the minutes from May 4, 2015 with change in addition to attendance: add Mike Ward to Members Present.

Green Committee Recap - Current Projects - Updates/Status

Fall Planting Area - Anne Little reported that for the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016, a list of 20 areas for planting in the City is developed. Out of that list, 11 areas are chosen which totals to 650 trees for planting. This final list is brought back to C&G for approval, then the areas on the list are prioritized. This is an open process that also protects Tree Fredericksburg.

Tree Fredericksburg Activities - There have been continued discussions with James Monroe High School as they still want bushes planted but they have agreed to trees. The discussion is whether to have bald cypress or trees with leaves. At Maury Park, a pollinator garden was planted by Marstel-Day and FOR added more shrubs. The 9 trees at the new courthouse were discovered to have been planted too deep with the burlap still wrapped. The problem is that the contractor's guarantee is for a year and if the trees are replanted properly, the guarantee would be voided. The Director of Parks, Bob Antozzi will pursue this. At the Heritage Trail near FOR, 5 trees were dug up, one was moved 30 feet using a front end tractor. The downtown planters are planted with good color coordination but there have been vandals already. The flowers that were vandalized have been replanted. A grant is being applied for from EDA to place planters with trees in them along the alley to Market Square.

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Ashtrays for Downtown - Paula Chow reported that the ash receptacle which Raleigh, NC has is not appropriate for Fredericksburg. She spoke with the manufacturer who advised her that the receptacle would not fit the trash can. She delivered the \$45 (almost \$54 with tax and shipping) receptacle ordered from Amazon to Public Works. After Dave King's assessment, Orlando from Public Works welded a piece to attach the receptacle to the trashcan in front of City Hall. Nancy had shared the photo in emails to C&G. It was attached in a way so as not to interfere with the path on the sidewalk and should it break, it will not incur injury to persons walking by. C&G agreed and approved a total of 10 to be installed downtown would be a sufficient gauge to determine its effect. Nancy Segarra will search for a wholesale price with perhaps free shipping.

Cigarette Butt Litter Campaign - Paula Chow reported that she has been in conversation with Curtis Dickerson, the Director of the Boys and Girls Club, who receives court-ordered referrals for community service. She is also waiting to hear back from a Girls Scout Troop who indicated that they are interested in community service. More sand buckets will be ordered for this year's campaign.

Half Marathon - It appeared that the streets were impeccably clean, as if there was no marathon event. Paula Chow will contact Karen Hedelt to send a thank you letter to the appropriate Half Marathon staff.

New Business

Sustainability sub-committee - Anne Little inquired if the C&G should now create this sub-committee since advocating C&G's involvement in this issue and as identified in the Comprehensive Plan. All agreed and Robert Courtnage will work on defining sustainability for the sub-committee's initial work. George Solley is interested in working on this. Anne Little will give Robert the necessary information (Comprehensive Plan, notes from the retreat) for the sub-committee work.

Mike Ward reported that they will begin the canal clean up with the removal of the trees. The water level is not really an issue. The need is for a coordinator. David Dorsey suggested that using the John-boat is the most helpful.

Green Waste - Pat Chen did some research and submitted her information on the back sheet of the agenda. There was an active discussion about green waste. Anne Little asked where the collected leaves in the Fall are taken and whether they are composted or turned into mulch.

Sustainability and Green Infrastructure Conference, Washington, D.C. in late June - Anne Little suggested that C&G can contribute some money from its budget to sponsor someone to attend the 2-day conference. Mike Ward agreed that one of his staff could benefit and Paula Chow suggested that the sponsored staff should present the information to C&G. All agreed to use \$300 - \$400 of the budget for this purpose.

Bicycle Racks - Kerry Devine reported that she just sent the email to Anne Little regarding the parking of bicycles ordinance. Bicycles can no longer be parked on public spaces other than at bicycle racks. Mike Ward said that Pathways also works on identifying bicycle rack placements. Bicycle rack placements throughout the downtown area will need to be addressed.

Announcement/Updates - Commission Members

There will be 2 vacancies with Anthony Catanese and Pat Chen leaving the C&G. Robert Courtnage has applied and Michelle Crow-Dolby will apply for these vacancies. City Council will appoint them by July and their term commences in August.

Appointed to the Clean Sub-committee will be Michelle Crow-Dolby and Damian Coby. Paula Chow will ask Joe Conrad to join them.

C&G does not meet in July.

Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Clean & Green Commission Meeting - Monday, August 10, 2015, 6:00pm (date change from standard date of first Monday)

Green Committee Meeting - Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 8:00am