

CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Minutes

Monday, November 2, 2015– 6:00 p.m.

Present: Paula Chow, Damian Cobey, Robert Courtnage, Michelle Crow-Dolby, Kerry Devine, Carolyn Helfrich, Diane Jones, Anne Little, Erik Nelson, Nancy Segarra, Mike Ward.

The meeting was called to order at 6 P.M.

The minutes from 10-5-15 were approved without corrections.

Updates were given on the following:

- Downtown trash cans and ashtrays – City shop has been installing ashtrays. They will be done in the next 2- weeks. Public Works to work out procedure for ash disposal.
- Tree planting status - 485 trees were planted this fall. Artificial mulch has begun to be placed in downtown tree wells. This Friday we will begin planting x-mas trees in the planters for the holidays.
- Cigarette Butt Campaign – The campaign has begun. This is the 6th year and involvement is up. Yard signs were up, 80-90% of downtown businesses are supporting. All current cigarette pails have been adopted. This year UMW is putting out banners. There will be a cleanup at City Dock this Saturday.
- Sustainability Campaign - Working on a green waste initiative in the form of composting yard waste. A phase in approach. Noted that Good Turn Earth is selling compost at the Farmer's market. Parks and Recreation noted that their leaves grass etc. is mulched during lawn manicuring.

Discussion:

- Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) – Commission was given a draft letter for review that would go to City Council. The letter encourages a resolution by the City in support of (RGGI.) The letter will be forwarded to Mr. Courtnage. The members did suggest researching why N.J. dropped out and also list the cities/counties in VA already sending in support.
- Recycling Public Communication – The new toters being phased in have recycle information on the lids. There are still many of the old style bins being used. Suggest a message being left in these? Other forms of education outreach to be explored.
- Electing a Chair of Clean and Green - On a motion by Carolyn Helfrich, seconded by Paula Chow, Robert Courtnage was elected as the new chair for the Clean and Green Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday December 7th @ 6:30 P.M.