

## **CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION**

Minutes

Monday, October 5, 2015– 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Kyle Snyder, Anne Little, Damian Cobey, Michelle Crow-Dolby, Robert Courtnage, George Solley, Carolyn Helfrich, Mike Ward, Nancy Segarra, **Contributing Associates:** Bryan Hofmann, Ann Gearon

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

The minutes from 9-14-15 and 8-10-15 were approved without corrections.

Updates were given on the following:

- Downtown trash cans and ashtrays –2 ashtrays are in place on the trash cans. City shop installing when they can find time.
- Cigarette Butt Campaign – the campaign will be the week of 11/1-11/7. The Clean committee will meet to plan out the campaign

The Commission voted to send a resolution of support for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) to City Council and ask Council to pass a resolution in support of (RGGI). We will formulate a resolution and vote on it at our next meeting.

We had a preliminary discussion regarding green waste and how we want to approach the project. The Sustainability committee will meet and bring back recommendations to the Commission.

The final draft of Mission and Vision Statement of The Sustainability Committee was approved by the Commission. The areas of focus were taken from the 2015 Comp plan and will be incorporated into the Sustainability Committee long range plan.

### **Vision:**

For the City of Fredericksburg to be a desirable and healthy place to live for current and future residents as a result of considering environmental impacts in City decisions pertaining to economic development, planning and land use.

### **Mission:**

1. To collaborate with other sustainability focused organizations in the Fredericksburg community to identify and recommend, through the Clean and Green Commission, to the City Council specific and actionable sustainable policy practices that better ensure a healthy environment for current and future city residents.
2. To help ensure that, through the Clean and Green Commission, city decisions pertaining to economic development, planning, and land use carefully consider environmental impacts and how those impacts affect the enjoyment of a healthy environment for current and future city residents.

### **Potential Areas of Focus -Points based on Recommendations in City of Fredericksburg 2015 Comprehensive Plan**

- Increased waste diversion from landfills to recycling and composting
- Ground water quality and depletion
- Improving energy conservation through the retrofit of city buildings
- Encouragement of LEED certified buildings for all new builds

- Reducing the city's carbon footprint through other means
- Making the City more walkable and safely bikeable
- Encouraging renewable energy use
- Improvement of green infrastructure
- Local adaptation to climate change
- Water conservation
- Practices that support Rappahannock River and overall local watershed health
- Support of green businesses and jobs
- Support of local agriculture and locally manufactured products
- Improvements in local water quality
- Identification of land for city acquisition and preservation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 pm