



## **MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, July 11, 2016

6:30 p.m.

City Hall, Room 214

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Robert Courtnage, George Solley **Ex-officio Members:** Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Nancy Segarra (Public Works) Dave King (Public Works) **Visitors:** Anne Little, John Broughton

- Meeting called to order @ 6:30 p.m.
- The 6-6-16 meeting minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum of voting members; minutes for the June and July monthly meetings will be approved at the August 8, 2016, monthly meeting.
- Dave King discussed the Washington Mall Task Force recommendations set for vote by City Council on 7/12. Dave discussed the possible options for City Council to pursue at the meeting, including voting to approve the Task Force recommendations. Dave mentioned that he and Janette Cadwallender would present the recommendations to City Council at the 7/12 meeting. Dave also mentioned that the administrative procedures for tree planting over the next year would be made part of the City Manager's agenda.
- **Sustainability Committee:** Robert Courtnage discussed the initiative for providing a solar energy system property tax exemption and credit for City residents. Robert presented a draft memo for review by meeting attendees and asked for comment. The memo will be revised and sent to City Staff following review by the Commission at the August monthly meeting. John Broughton mentioned that Sustainability Committee members would be having a call with Stafford County Schools (Rob Adams) on 7/21 to discuss their current recycling program and possibly pursuing a partnership with City schools to help improve their recycling program. John also mentioned that Doug Crooks of the Spotsylvania County composting program would not be able to attend the July Sustainability Committee meeting.
- **Green Committee:** Anne Little presented on behalf of the Green Committee and provided an update of the FY 16/17 tree planting plans. Anne went over the planting schedule and provided meeting attendees with charts detailing the planting locations and number of trees in addition to maps of where the trees were planned to be planted throughout the City. Dave King noted that when trees are planned to be planted in "historical" areas, the City's historic presentation staff member would be involved.



## CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Make Ward of City Parks commented that Snowden Park would be available for planting in the Fall of 2017. Anne will provide Dave King with the list of 2017 trees to be planted for planning purposes including tree purchasing.

- **Clean Committee:** Mike Ward of City Parks requested that ash tray buckets be provided for Market Square to cut down on the amount of cigarette butt litter. George Solley asked Mike whether smoking could be prohibited in Market Square. Mike responded that it could likely not be based on state law, but would have the City Attorney investigate. Anne Little volunteered to call Bill Howell's office regarding the issue. Robert asked Mike whether signs warning of the new littering ordinance penalties had been posted. Mike responded that the signs had been ordered and would follow-up on whether they had been installed.

Adjourned @ 7:20 p.m.