



## **MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

6:30 p.m.

City Hall, Room 214

**Commissioners Present:** Kyle Snyder, Damian Cobey, Michelle Crow-Dolby, Robert Courtnage, Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), Kerry Devine (City Council). **Ex-officio Members:** Nancy Segarra (Public Works)

### **Agenda**

- Call to order @ 6:30 p.m.
- Approval of the December meeting minutes (5 mins.)
  - Kerry first motion for approval – Second motion Caroline Second
  - Approved
- Public comment (5 mins)-- None
- Nomination of Michelle Crow-Dolby as Commission Vice-Chair (5 mins.)
  - Kerry first motion for approval
  - Caroline seconded
  - Approved
- General updates and discussion (20 mins)
  - City Staff Recommendations to the Commission on the proposed solar equipment tax exemption/ credit resolution—*Kathleen Dooley (City Attorney), Lois Jacob (Commissioner of Revenue) and Mike Craig (Zoning Administrator)*
    - Kerry requested the removal of “she” when discussing the Commissioner of Revenue.
    - Clarifications/ corrections suggested by Kyle and others for the draft resolution
    - How would the City confirm that the solar equipment is hooked up and functioning?
    - How does the City ensure the system remains operational for five years?
    - Kyle first motion for approval of the draft resolution pending the three discussed clarifications/ corrections.
    - Michelle second motion
    - All approved



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- Next steps on the City Schools recycling initiative- *Robert Courtnage, Kyle Snyder and John Broughton*
  - Conrad Heller – Stafford County Schools Recycling program developed after Colonial Forge initiated theirs. Board came out with initiative. Now schools running at about 40% recycling rate--up from 31%. The meetings are held by adults with the children helping - Started as monthly meeting - evolved into quarterly - now once a semester. They have running competition - \$250 awards.
  - They've also since developed an energy steering committee.
  - Michelle - How did the student education portion get handled?
    - Biggest issues
      - Don't do because they don't know - It is up to adults
      - Adults need to be personally interested which trickles down to the students.
      - Bottom up for email reminders and top down for leadership – visual recycling posters - layers of marketing
      - Central office pushed video contest - social media - environmental club
      - Jarvis Bailey still our champion. Scott Horan or Rob Adams - Conrad Heller willing to help coordinate.
      - Grocery bag initiative to get Trex prize - bench, flower box, bird house - Can get receptacles from Trex. Now Conrad takes plastic bags for recycling to Wegmans.
- Lower-Income Solar Meetings on 1/17- *Robert Courtnage*
  - 12:30 p.m. -- Clean & Green, City Manager, Habitat for Humanity, GRID Alternatives, Marstel-Day, UMW
  - 2:30 p.m. -- Community Foundation, Clean & Green, UMW, Marstel-Day
- Committee Updates
  - Clean Committee (10 mins.) - *Michelle Crow-Dolby*
    - Sand buckets - Better program/ more cost-effective than the expensive prior smokers pole
    - Schedule spring clean-up date upcoming
    - April 22 - Earth-day event at Old Mill Park
      - Need two canopies - clean and sustainability committees (Green committee via Tree Fredericksburg)
    - More dog stations being installed - Parks and Rec - Erin Simmons
    - Next meeting Feb 5
    - Map of stations - Kiosk at Hurkamp Park and Visitor's Center
  - Green Committee (10 mins.) - *Anne Little*



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- Caroline update - to be emailed
- Sustainability Committee (5 mins.) - *Robert Courtnage*
- Adjourn 7:38

Adjourn @ 7:30 p.m.