



MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 1st, 2017

6:30 p.m.

City Hall, Room 214

Commissioners in Attendance: Robert Courtnage (Chair), Michelle Crow-Dolby (Vice-Chair), Kerry Devine (City Council), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), Kyle Snyder, Paula Chow, Damian Cobey, Shane Riordan, George Solley.

Ex-officio Members in Attendance: Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Diane Jones (R-Board), Nancy Segarra.

Subcommittee Members in Attendance: Frank Widic, Chair, Green Committee

Agenda

- Call to order @ 6:30 p.m.
- Approval of the April meeting minutes (5 mins)
 - Michelle Crow-Dolby moved to approve, Kerry Devine 2nd approval; approved w/o discussion
- Public comment (5 mins)
 - None
- General updates and discussion (15 mins)
 - Lower Income Solar initiative: DOE Sun Shot grant awarded! -*Robert Courtnage*
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCHUyQSL_7c
 - Solar Tax Incentive passed 7-0 on first read. Second read on 5/9.
 - FLS article
 - http://www.fredericksburg.com/business/local_business/energy-program-aims-to-make-solar-more-affordable/article_4cd17728-e201-11e4-9159-333ccf0d37cf.html
 - Kerry Devine commented that both Robert Courtnage and Mike Craig did a great Job on the initiative.
 - Rock the River Tabling on 6/3 ~10:45 am
 - Interest?
 - Robert Courtnage stated he is planning on being there at some point and requested others to help out.



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- Paula Chow commented that with her experience through Sierra club – make it unmanned – people seem to be more into the atmosphere than in a learning mode.
 - Michelle Crow-Dolby– How did interactive things go for earth day?
 - Robert Courtnage– We received many inquiries about who we are.
 - George Solley – the cigarette butt display got attention – very effective
 - Kyle Snyder – Let’s consider using the Young Marines as a resource for this and other projects.
 - Group decided there is enough interest and will pursue having a table at the Rock the River event.
 - George, Robert and Kerry can man the booth at some point in the day – Please coordinate with Robert, if available.
 - Kerry Devine – Aim theme toward what children can be responsible for – create better habits through kids.
 - Dianne Jones is going to check on supply of reusable water bottles.
 - Robert Courtnage – Kathleen’s idea was to have recycling bins and a kiddie pool with different items to pull out and correctly separate.
 - Possible 10x10 tent to be purchased? Branded?
- Committee Updates
 - Clean Committee (10 mins.) – *Paula Chow*
 - Tabled at Old Mill Park Earth Day Event held on April 22nd
 - Successful tabling.
 - New garbage can ashtrays and buckets to be ordered
 - Identified 3 new cigarette butt receptacle locations at Hurkamp Park
 - Additional trashcans downtown
 - Met with Mainstreet and Public Works on 4/6 to suggest additional locations.
 - Replacing sand in buckets this summer
 - Buckets disappearing and having to replace them frequently.
 - Kerry Devine – can we get more containers at construction sites?
 - Can we add this to the technical review process through building and development?
 - Nancy Segarra- Joe young – Police officer and river steward – Plus jurisdiction of all river front property because of easement – Their job is public property – Private property is under building department Tracey O’Connor (Property maintenance and compliance officer) – there is a code and can be a compliance issue.



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- Kerry Devine and Robert Courtnage met with the City Police Chief and City Manager – Chief stated he was going to address at a staff meeting and that they are going to make the officers more aware of the litter ordinance.
 - Robert suggested maybe have officers hand out small leaflets to smokers about the litter ordinance.
- Dog waste – where might we need other dog stations.
 - 36,000 registered dogs in 22401 (or area?).
- Working on letter to the editor about dog waste.
- Possible butt station at Batteries Plus – Damien going to contact owner
- Litter – Benny’s 3x3 boxes in front of the store – won’t fit in public trash barrels
 - Main street meeting with restaurant
- Dave King and Mainstreet meeting to come up with additional locations for trashcans
 - Restaurants are a concern because of odor – trying to be sensitive to all needs
- Green Committee (10 mins.) – *Frank Widic*
 - Tree planting updates and schedule
 - Friday 21st Marstel Day
 - Lewis street 13 trees (small because under wire)
 - 13 on Willis St.
 - 94 on Hanover St.
 - Downtown flowerpots being taken care of on the 12th
 - Street tree survey
 - Inputs being collected
 - Public input for FY 18 will have comment period for 30-60 days and then fliers and knock on the doors for transparency
 - Mr. King provided procedures for committee members to follow to ensure the committee is in compliance
 - At 9th May meeting we will be working on tweaking procedures
 - Earth day very successful
 - 400 seedlings handed out
 - Tree stewards have signed MOU with City – more guidance coming.
- Sustainability Committee (10 mins)- *Robert Courtnage*
 - Schools recycling follow-up



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- Keeping momentum going – asked school board to memorialize recycling commitment and looking to put something together as a resolution.
- Recycling/environmental resolution request to be prepared for School Board.
- Need to follow up with identifying school recycling coordinators.
- Composting
 - Roll-off container implementation done so would be interesting to approach the City on potential curbside composting.

Adjourn @ 7:30 p.m.