



MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 3rd, 2017

6:30 p.m.

City Hall, Room 214

Commissioners Attending: Robert Courtnage (Chair), Michelle Crow-Dolby (Vice-Chair), Kerry Devine (City Council), Kyle Snyder, Shane Riordan, Paula Chow, George Solley.

Ex-officio Members Attending: Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Nancy Segarra (Public Works).

- Call to order @ 6:30 p.m. – called at 6:30
- Approval of the March meeting minutes (5 mins.)
 - Unanimous approval.
- Public comment (5 mins) – Planting 29th of April – targeted for Snowden park
- General updates and discussion (15 mins)
 - Solar initiative: DOE Sun Shot grant application video-*Robert Courtnage*
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCHUyQSL_7c
 - For 12 homes in Mayfield area over 2-3 years and retrofitting other habitat homes.
 - Robert said up to \$.5M available
 - Additional trashcans downtown
 - Meeting with Mainstreet and Public Works at 9:30 am on 4/6.
 - Robert coordinating with Ann Glave and Dave King for placement.
 - Ashtrays are not automatically installed with them (Nancy)
Probably in 300 and 400 block of William St.
 - LED street lamps downtown—City ordering two additional (and warmer/ less bright) color temperatures to test; available in ~ 2 months.
 - Pilot in front of Hyperion
 - Light temp too bright--suggestion to move to a “warmer” color for additional review.
 - Frank - Timeframe in applying for grant for this? Paper news.
 - This is a city project – information about timeframe is with the city.
- Committee Updates
 - Clean Committee (10 mins.) – *Paula Chow*
 - River cleanup held on March 12th
 - Michelle –partnered with FOR, Virginia Outdoor Center and River Rock Outfitters
 - 13 sites 118 volunteers, 4,450 pounds of trash
 - Thinking about fall clean-up
 - Old Mill Park Earth Day Event on April 22nd



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- Paula Michelle and Damien are not available – Paula will be organizing for the entire event – Sustainability can have the whole tent.
- Michelle will provide the literature and props for the tent.
- Make sure you have the details – Canopy, chairs, displays wind proof
- New garbage can ashtrays and buckets to be ordered
 - City staff to install
- Large number of cigarettes in park
 - Will provide ashtrays to Parks and rec
 - Mike will check for number of ashtrays needed
 - Michelle will investigate and provide a number
 - Mike – additional place for ashtrays is in Market square
- Buckets
 - Being removed – we continue to need to replace
 - They are self-redistributing throughout the city
- Litter Ordinance Enforcement
 - Kerry will follow-up with David Nye – what is needed to get this enforced?
 - Follow on – For Nancy: Watershed Property Manage Joe Young – is a police officer – What is the scope of his influence?
 - Dog waste regulation is already in the city code.
- Paula – if you see a hot spot that needs a bucket or there is a replacement needed send email
- Green Committee (10 mins.) – *Frank Widic*
 - Tree planting updates and schedule
 - FY17 Spring planting
 - 21 April 9:30 and 1:00
 - Hunter first then Franklin--50 trees each
 - Expecting guidance from green Committee by middle of the month for FY18
 - Vote will be on 9 May
 - For trees being planted at Snowden park
 - 85 taken out – returning 25; canopy being depleted in this area
 - Free trees available at earth day 400 available from Bartlett
 - Arbor day is the 19th
- Sustainability Committee (10 mins)- *Robert Courtnage*
 - Proposed solar equipment tax exemption/credit in City budget package
 - Robert – City Manager put into City Budget package--not a line item but such a small amount considered not impactful to the budget.



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- Suggested to contact Cathy Jett FLS for an article; press release
- Use City's social media outlets for announcements
- When other solar initiative matures we can "go heavy" on getting positive PR.
 - Maybe an event
- Display for Old Mill Park Earth Day event
 - Robert and Michelle to coordinate
- Schools recycling follow-up
 - Video presented at last school board meeting and on city's web site
 - Need next steps
 - Paula waiting to hear back from the girls to be tent judges.
 - Spring break time
 - Kyle will follow-up with Jarvis about producing a letter of position supporting the recycle initiative.
 - Keep Virginia Beautiful – grant open through the end of April – for recycle etc. 30 and 30 \$500 - \$1000 up to \$2000 for significant projects.

Adjourn @ 7:30 p.m.