



## CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION



Tuesday, August 8, 2017 8:00 a.m.  
Green committee – Final Approved Minutes

In attendance: Jane Shelhorse (Dir Parks, Rec & Events), Steve Watkins, Janice Olsen, Aaron Simmons, Joni Wilson, Kevin Utt, Morgan Kash, Gary Johnson, John Saunders, Steve Gaske, Dave King, David Dorsey, Sally Hall, Erik Nelson, Tom Snoddy, Anne Little, Carl Little, Frank Widic (Chair)

The regular meeting of the Green Committee was called to order by Frank Widic at 8 am.

Frank Widic called for additions or corrections to the Draft 5-9-17 Green Minutes. A motion was made by Janice Olsen and seconded to amend the minutes. The motion failed.

A motion was made by Steve Gaske and seconded to amend the minutes. The motion failed.

A motion was made by Steve Watkins and seconded to approve the May 9, 2017 Green Minutes. The motion was approved.

The issue of conflict of interest was discussed. Frank Widic directed Steve Gaske to contact the City Attorney to get more clarification for his questions.

Frank Widic informed the committee that the FY 2018 Tree planting Notification has been posted on the City's website.

Frank Widic presented the Green Mission statement that was passed by the Clean & Green Commission on August 7, 2017. There was a brief discussion regarding the Mission Statement and further goals and objectives for the committee. That issue of goals and objectives will be taken up at our next meeting in November. The new mission statement of the Green Committee is "The Mission of the Green Committee is to optimize the effective installation and maintenance of green infrastructure to enhance an aesthetically pleasing environment for the citizens, businesses and visitors of the City of Fredericksburg."

Tree Steward update: Sally Hall updated the Committee on the Tree Steward Program. There was a total of 839.9 volunteer hours donated year to date by the Tree Stewards. Four Tree Stewards from Fredericksburg attended the State Tree Steward program in Richmond last month. The Tree Stewards in Fredericksburg do pruning unlike other Steward programs from other cities. Sally also mentioned the Virginia Big Tree Program.

Anne Little gave an update on Tree Fredericksburg activities including vandalism, the Fall Hill avenue project, tree replacement plans for this fall, two mulching projects with UMW students,

a growth hormone test authorized by Public Works Director, Dave King, pruning of Lafayette Avenue Crepe Myrtles and the removal of female Gingko trees found along Kenmore Avenue.

Carl Little gave update on grants. New grant from EDA has been awarded for the train station area planting. Kevin Utt has sources for additional grants and will share with Carl Little. Steve Gaske suggested that a website be developed for tree removal and tree care comments from residents. Dave King replied that Public Works keeps track of removals and care requests. There was discussion regarding how tree requests are processed.

A motion was made by Steve Gaske and seconded stating the following: "Work with the Department of Public Works to develop a website where residents and business owners can request the planting, trimming or removal of tree in utility strips. The purpose of this website will be to process and establish a record of all requests to ensure that citizens' requests are properly and accurately addressed." The motion was debated but did not carry.

Frank Widic noted that we have a guest present at the meeting and welcomed Jane Shelhorse, the Director of Parks, Recreation & Events.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 am.