



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 4th, 2017

6:30 p.m.

City Hall, Room 214

Commissioners in Attendance: Robert Courtnage (Chair), Michelle Crow-Dolby (Vice-Chair), Damian Cobey, George Solley, Paula Chow.

Ex-officio Members in Attendance: Nancy Segarra (Public Works) Diane Jones and Lisa Butler (R-Board) **Green Committee Chair:** Frank Widic.

Agenda

- Call to order @ 6:36 p.m.
- Approval of the November meeting minutes (5 mins)
 - Michelle Crow-Dolby moved Damian Cobey seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Vote for 2018 Chairman
 - Elect Robert Courtnage; Michelle Crow-Dolby moved George Solley seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Public comment (5mins)
 - None
- Discussion items (20 mins)
 - Budget process update
 - The Commission has requested a higher level of funding from the City Council.
 - Asked for \$6,000. Money would be geared towards the clean side of the Commission's work.
 - Items were broken out line by line. One was for a part time hire to help with the cigarette butt work along the Canal, help with coordination of efforts Public Works Schools, Parks and Recreation.
 - Tree Updates
 - Anne Little did a presentation on Tree Fredericksburg "Urban Forestry Program." This was the same one presented to City



CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

Council in September. Tree Fredericksburg is a not for profit. They work as a conduit for grants and volunteers which in turn enhances the City's Green vision. Since 2008, they have planted over 6,000 trees.

- Committee Updates
 - Clean Committee (10 mins.) – *Michelle Crow-Dolby*
 - Commended Paula Chow for her 8 years of service to the Commission as well as the Clean Committee
 - Damian Cobey was elected the 2018 Chair for the Clean Committee
 - General updates
 - Earth Day date has been set; April 21st with the 28th as a rain date.
 - Will be working on the rejuvenation of downtown cigarette buckets in December.
 - Reported on large cleanup with Colonial Forge students; Quarry trail, hospital wetlands.
 - Chairman did ask that this committee come up with a Mission Statement and goals/objectives.
 - Green Committee (10 mins.) – *Frank Widic*
 - General updates
 - Looking at forming a subcommittee
 - Meeting monthly, second Tuesday of each month
 - Bring Committee goals/objectives more in compliance with the City's vision.
 - Sustainability Committee (10 mins)- *Robert Courtnage*
 - Reported on work they are doing with recycling in the schools.
 - Have been meeting with CLEAR and City with regards to ramping up composting. Mentioned recent sustainability symposium at University of Mary Washington and the coverage in local paper.
 - Plan to continue quarterly meetings and work on recruitment of volunteers.

Adjourn @ 7:40 p.m.