



Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:00 a.m.

Green Committee – Final Approved Minutes

In attendance: Diane Beyer (Asst Dir Public Works), Carolyn Helfrich (C & G Commission), Aaron Simmons, Joni Wilson, Gary Johnson, David Dorsey, Sally Hall, Anne Little, Carl Little, Erik Nelson, Tom Snoddy, Steve Gaske, Erik Nelson, Carl Banks, Michael Roberson, Mike Worsham, and Frank Widic (Chair)

The regular meeting of the Green Committee was called to order by Chair Frank Widic at 8:00 a.m.

Frank Widic called for additions or corrections to the Draft 11/14/2017 Green Committee Minutes. The minutes were approved by the unanimous consent voting method since no corrections were offered.

- Public Comments (5 mins.): No public comments were presented.
- Discussion items (30 mins.):
 - Monthly Meetings: Frank Widic discussed the background and rationale of shifting back to monthly meetings. The primary reason was to provide opportunities for members to be more involved in Green Committee actions.
 - Green Subcommittee Report: Frank Widic introduced the subcommittee members and acknowledged their work. Diane Beyer reviewed the results of the subcommittee (copy attached), which included a revised mission statement for the Green Committee, and goals. She discussed each item. Discussion ensued among members on various items. Copies of the subcommittee report were distributed to all attendees. Diane suggested that the Green Committee set some sort of a volunteer commitment for all members of the committee, i.e. a number of hours involved in certain types of tasks during the year. The committee continued to discuss various ideas that might be useful to address the various goals. The proposed mission statement was discussed further by the members to possibly refine it. The mission statement, with a slight edit, was approved by the committee. The revised mission statement now reads as follows:

"To promote, through education and direct action, an awareness of the City's urban forest as a vital environmental and economic resource and an important part of our cultural heritage."

The committee, during upcoming monthly meetings, will review and discuss the proposed goals to refine them as needed. Diane will provide copies of subcommittee notes to members to use as background for future discussions. She will also provide copies or links to master plans for other cities as background.

- The Green Committee approved a requirement for an annual commitment of each committee member of 15 hours of outside volunteer work, related to Green Committee activities.
- Tree Fredericksburg Update(8 mins.):
 - Anne Little passed out a calendar of the spring planting activities and invited all to come out and help with any of the events. The plan is to finish spring planting activities by the end of April.
 - A tree giveaway is planned at the Earth Day event at Old Mill Park on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Bartlett Tree Experts is providing 1,000 saplings, comprised of several species, which will be given

away to event attendees stopping by the Tree Fredericksburg booth. This is a repeat of a very successful giveaway conducted last year at the Earth Day event.

- Tree Fredericksburg is currently working with city schools on planting trees on the campuses. Currently, coordination includes planting at James Monroe High School, Hugh Mercer Elementary School, and Lafayette Upper Elementary School.
- Tree Steward Program (8 mins.): Sally Hall provided the following update items relative to Tree Steward activities:
 - The second Tree Steward training program is currently in progress. There are 13 new trainees in this class. This is a nine-week program with sessions every Tuesday evening. This training is at approximately the half way point.
 - A total of 1,135 volunteer hours have been provided by the current Tree Stewards since the start of the program last year. These hours are valued at \$27, 410.
- Frank Widic advised the committee that Councilman Frye has asked for us to take a look at getting more trees planted at bus stops throughout the city to provide shade for people waiting for buses. The committee will take a look at identifying potential locations.
- Member Comments/Recommendations (5 mins.):
 - It was announced that a project proposed to plant a Native Plant Garden at Cossey will be discussed Thursday evening, February 15th, at a Parks & Rec. sponsored forum at Dorothy Hart Community Center. All were encouraged to attend.
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 a.m.

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