



## CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION



Tuesday, August 14, 2018 8:00 a.m.

Green Committee – Minutes (Final Approved Minutes)

In attendance:

Diane Beyer (Asst Dir Public Works), Carolyn Helfrich (C & G Commission), Davis Dorsey (Recreation Commission), Tom Snoodly (Dept of Forestry), Gary Johnson (Dir, City Shop), Michael Roberson (President, Tree Stewards), Jason Ogle (Street Tree Supervisor), Steve Gaske, Lisa Durham, and Frank Widic (Chair)

- The regular meeting of the Green Committee was called to order by Frank Widic at 8:02 a.m.
- Frank Widic called for additions or corrections to the Draft 06/12/2018 Green Committee Minutes. No changes were offered to the draft minutes. The minutes were approved as written.
- Public Comments: No public comments were presented.
- Discussion items:
  - Utility Strip "Partnership" care- Printing of draft document presented at June Green meeting will be accomplished before the September Green meeting. Recommended changes will be incorporated in the final version. Cost of printing will be covered by a grant through Tree Fredericksburg.
  - FY 2019 Street Tree Planting
    - The City's list of planting areas for FY 2019 is complete. The Fall planting zones are listed in the September 2018 Green Committee Quarterly Urban Forest New publication. Specific locations and maps of the area will be provided to DPW from Carl Little before publishing on the City website. Our goal is to provide timely notification of FY 19 planting areas to the citizens of Fredericksburg.
  - Green Committee Operating Policy
    - A review of the draft copy of "Operating Policy and Rules of Procedure" for the Green Committee was conducted. The document will be presented to the C & G Commission for review/approval.
  - Mature Tree Handout
    - A discussion was held regarding the value of distribution of the "Mature Tree" handout by our Tree Stewards to individual homeowners. The purpose of the document is to help residents learn how to care for the mature trees on their property.

- Funding for the printing will be provided by CY 18 grants obtained by Tree Fredericksburg.
- Parks, Recs and Events
  - Aaron Simmons provided an update regarding recent flooding along the river, the extensive damage to facilities, overtime and cleanup costs and future potentials for recurring damage. With Riverfront Park coming on line in the near term, maintenance costs are anticipated to run about \$150,000 per year. October 2018 is the proposed date for closure of the park from public access.
- Tree Fredericksburg Update: Michael Roberson, President, Tree Stewards
  - High School- \$10K grant received. Planting date is October 13th with Day of service Group and Dominion Energy. Dominion Energy will also be building an outdoor classroom with a handicap assessable ramp.
  - UMW mulching event 8/22, 9 - noon at Maury Playground.
  - \$5K grant received from Arbor Day Foundation for Tree Give-a-way of 250 small trees on 9/29.
  - Tim Baroody, City Manager, and staff joining Tree Fredericksburg for Fall 2018 tree planting in Mayfield on Friday 10/5. All Green members are invited to attend.
  - A grant has been received for \$3,600 to do a flyer on mulch and proper tree care from VA Forestry Department.
- Member Comments/Recommendations: None
- Upcoming Events:
  - UMW Tree Festival, Wednesday Sept 5, 3:30 - 6:00p.m.
  - Main Street Downtown "al fresco dinner" - Sunday Oct 14, 5:00p.m.
  - Tree Fredericksburg 10 Year Anniversary - October 17, cocktail party/fund raiser at Belmont. Funds will be used for trees for City schools - goal is \$10K.
  - St. George "Rally for Service" 1 1/2 hour mulching event with 20 church volunteers. Proposed area at mini-park across from Train Station.
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.