



**CLEAN & GREEN
COMMISSION**



**Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 4, 2019
City Hall, Conference Room
6:30PM**

Commissioners in Attendance: Robert Courtnage (Chair), Kerry Devine (City Council), Christi Carver, Damian Cobey, Shane Riordan, Sarah Hurst

Ex-Officio Members: Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), M.C. Morris (R-Board)

* **Call to order AT 6:30 pm**

* **Approval of Minutes** of February meeting motioned by Sarah Hurst and seconded by Kerry Devine

* **Public Comments-** None

Greenhouse gas inventory update: Last report was in 2014 and the city has called upon the C&G to come up with a new inventory. A meeting was held between City Manager Baroody, Mayor Greenlaw, Amanda Stebbins, Anne Little, Robert Courtnage, and Christi Carver. City Manager Baroody informed participants that the City has a contract with Siemens, an energy service company, to help with energy efficiency in City buildings. Robert brought in the reports (from Siemens) that provides lots of data and illustrated energy cost savings and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions between HVAC upgrades and lighting retrofits in City buildings. An energy savings performance contract has been in place for 22 years. This will allow the C&G to have a greenhouse gas baseline. The city has committed to working toward a City Sustainability Vision Statement. C&G wants Siemens to collaborate with City schools as well on saving money on energy costs. C&G will assist the city with a press release highlighting the costs the city's saved over time due to energy savings in its buildings.

Committee Updates

Clean Committee- Recap of the JM meeting was discussed. JM, Hugh Mercer, and Lafayette all got together to discuss recycling. City schools Administrator, Dr. John Russ is to push administration to stay on top of and implement recycling in the schools. Republic has also created a questionnaire to get help where the recycling is not going well. M.C. Morris talked about the take aways and next steps from the meeting. Signage, training for faculty, and more

containers are the immediate and low hanging fruit take always. Christi Carver brought up Sammy T's and how they are going sustainable with no straws and wanting to recycle. The committee wants to highlight more business that will do this. There is a meeting with Keep VA clean on Friday 3/8 to discuss the smoke stacks. Discussed tickets for littering and how to enforce this.

Green Committee-Tree planting planning of the fiscal year and where to plant is being updated and presented to City Council for approval. Tree Fredericksburg and FOR will be working with the new baseball team owners to be sure they replant trees to help with the trees being removed for the stadium, as well as, working to properly handle the stormwater runoff.

Sustainability Committee- Discussed the stadium ground breaking event on 2/24. Robert Courtnage and Sarah Hurst were called up by the team owners along with Jerry Lawson of the EPA's Energy Star Program to announce the stadiums efforts to commit to building a environmentally sustainable stadium. Robert and Sarah discussed the team owners pursuing a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for the stadium. Composting is slowly moving forward, still working with City Public Works and trying to work with Virginia Tech to help with the analytics needed.

Meeting was Adjourned at 7:26

Next meeting April 1st, 2019.