



Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2019
City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room
6:30PM

Commissioners in Attendance: Robert Courtnage (Chair), Kerry Devine (City Council), Christi Carver, Damian Cobey, Sarah Hurst, Amanda Stebbins, Michelle Crow-Dolby (Vice-Chair), George Solley, Carolyn Helfrich

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance: M.C. Morris and Director Joe Buchanan (R-Board), Diane Beyer (Public Works), Mike Ward (Parks & Rec)

Acting Green Committee Chair: Anne Little

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

*** Approval of Minutes:** Draft July meeting minutes approved--motioned by Michelle Crow-Dolby and seconded by George Solley. Unanimously approved.

*** Public Comments:** A representative from Siemens, the City's Energy Services Company, gave a presentation summarizing their relationship history with the City, relevant work since 2016, and energy benchmark/utilities and future opportunities. This contract was a \$1.3M investment with \$52k annual utility savings.

Committee Updates

*** Clean Committee:**

Committee members tabled at Farmer's Market Community Day.

A trash cleanup is scheduled for October 12th at Old Mill Park. Friends of the Rappahannock is organizing it, along with Parks & Rec, and we are helping to get the word out and will be helping and tabling as well.

We plan to ask Keep Virginia Beautiful for 30 cigarette sidewalk butlers.

New interns, Shelby and Heather, will be emptying the downtown Buttlers and we will look into Terra Cycle for the collected butts.

We will be reaching out to recycling advocates at the schools to see how things are going and determine how we can help out.

*** Green Committee:**

The committee members reviewed the new baseball stadium's landscape designs and made suggestions on potential changes in tree selections.

The Sunken Road restoration is a joint project between the city and UMW. The planting will be accomplished by Tree Fred this Fall using volunteers.

Finalizing Fall planting locations. Planting will start in October and finish in November.

Met with Dominion Energy regarding height of trees to be planted along Heritage Trail in front of Old Mill Park.

*** Sustainability Committee:**

The Thurman Brisben solar project is still progressing with installation before end of year.

Robert Courtnage provided a recap of 7/18 baseball team meeting on building the stadium environmentally sustainable.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting October 7, 2019.