



Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 7, 2019
City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room
6:30PM

Commissioners in Attendance: Michelle Crow-Dolby, Christi Carver, Damian Cobey, Sarah Hurst, Amanda Stebbins, George Solley

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

Acting Green Committee Chair: Anne Little

* **Call to order at 6:30 pm:** Michelle Crow-Dolby chaired the meeting in the absence of Chairman Robert Courtnage.

* **Approval of Minutes:** September meeting minutes approval deferred to November meeting.

* **Public Comments:** Nine members of Fossil Free Fredericksburg attended the meeting, along with several other visitors. Eric Bonds, on behalf of FFF, described the resolution that FFF intends to present to City Council, to commit the City to 100% renewable energy by 2050. Several speakers from FFF voiced support for the resolution and requested the formal support of the Commission. George Solley moved that the Commission endorse the FFF resolution; Christi Carver seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

***Committee Updates**

Green Committee: Anne Little reported that approximately there will be 120 large trees planted at James Monroe High School. Tree Fredericksburg will move its focus to other schools. She reported that the biggest challenge in establishing the needed tree canopy is in the region, not in the City. There will be a tree planting around Old Mill Park on October 19.

Clean Committee: Damian Cobey presented the Clean Committee report. He summarized the activities of the committee, including tabling at the UMW Tree Festival on October 3 and upcoming activities such as the Fall Clean Up on October 12, tabling at the Fossil Free Walk and Pedal for the Planet on October 13, and the Fire Department open house on October 13. He reported that 30 new cigarette butlers were received from KVB for downtown installation. James Monroe High School is instituting its recycling program but needs carts and signage to be more effective. Hazardous waste and electronics collection will take place on November 9 at the City Shop.

Sustainability Committee: Sarah Hurst reported the Thurman Brisben Shelter solar project is nearly complete. The minor league baseball team is exploring solar energy for the stadium. The City is pursuing a composting grant application through the I-95 Expressway grant program.

In other business, the R-Board is starting a 6-month pilot program to send collected glass to Fairfax. Glass must be separated and dropped off at Belman Road or the Eskimo Hill landfill.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Next meeting is November 4, 2019.