



## CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 7, 2020  
City Hall, Conference Room  
6:30 pm

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Robert Courtnage (Chair), Kerry Devine (City Council), Damian Cobey, George Solley, Christi Carver, Michelle Crow-Dolby, Carolyn Helfrich  
**Ex-officio Members:** Nancy Segarra (Public Works), MC Morris (R-Board), Mike Ward (Parks and Rec) **Green Committee:** Anne Little

- **Call to order at 6:30**
- **Approval of minutes** of November and December meetings. Motioned by Christi Carver and seconded by George Solley.
- **Public Comment**-none
- Introduction of Amanda Stebbins and Eric Bonds from Fossil-Fuel-Free Fredericksburg. Ms. Stebbins presented a summary of goals, current status and an invitation to support the groups' mission. Questions and answers followed.
- **Committee Updates**  
**Clean Committee: (15min)** M.C. Morris reported the school recycling program is progressing. No measurements yet. Education was offered and will be again. Keep Virginia Beautiful has given the city free "Butt Buckets."  
Robert Courtnage reports that GWRC has a grant from Hefty to recycle some plastic not currently recyclable.

**Green Committee: (15 minutes)** Recognition was provided for Frank Widic's dedication and service. Anne Little is the interim chair of the Green Committee.

The Christmas tree plantings in downtown planters were a success. The trees will now be sold. Carolyn Helfrich is designing spring planters. A grant from the department of forestry will help with a campaign to better care for trees in the utility strip. Public education is part of the campaign.

#### **Sustainability Committee (15 minutes)**

The owners of the minor league stadium want to incorporate Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy planning and environmentally efficient practices into the stadium. Robert Courtnage and team are planning to meet with them January 14<sup>th</sup> in Washington D.C. He is hoping the government shutdown will not slow progress. The next steps for composting are being considered. An editorial about composting sludge was discussed. More letters to the editor to support regional cooperation was suggested.

The solar project at Thurman Brisben is waiting for additional funding. Greenhouse gas emissions were evaluated by the city in 2014. The report is due for an update.

**Additional Business:**

Kerri Devine reminds us the General Assembly opens Wednesday. The Virginia Municipal League is considering a proposal about plastic bags. Input is encouraged. Virginia Green Lobby Day is January 30, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next Commission meeting is February 4th.