

Meeting Minutes
Community Enhancement Commission Meeting
23, July 2015
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall
Upstairs - Lobby Meeting Room

Committee Members Present: Susan Stillman, Tara Ruszkowski, Joanne Burke, Ross Shearer, David Steiner, Maureen Alonso, Bob Robinson

Staff Members Present: Brandy Wyatt

Not Present: Desiree DiMauro, Michael Giovannello

1. National Wildlife Certifications - Bob
The National Wildlife Certifications is a 2 -5 year process. It takes a business, Town, and school commitment. Locally, Reston, Great Falls and Arlington County are certified. The fee is \$75.00 for certification. There has to be a 5 person team, which the committee would like to see citizens in the Town get involved. The question was posed if the process is meant to be a tool to drive and add to what the CEC is already doing for the community. Bob will meet with the National Wildlife Foundation in Reston to see how the process pans out. Bob will also speak with Wendy Cardanay for some direction and advice. Nancy Christmus will also have valuable insight. Maureen will contact her. The Audubon Society certification was discussed as well.
2. Tree Preservation Update - Maureen
Maureen discussed the meeting on July 8th. The discussion revolved around code enforcement and preservation. Gary Lawrence from the Town Parks and Recreation Department reported at the meeting that the sheer volume of sites that have to be policed are beyond the capabilities of the two arborists that are currently employed with the Town. The consensus was there is a way to go with code enforcement. Joanne reported on a program in Maryland that slowed the pace of building to help with all code enforcement. Maureen and Joanne are going to meet with the Mayor and the Director of Planning and Zoning to discuss their options. Maureen will look into LEED certified landscaping and how it would affect code enforcement.
3. Recognize homeowners with Solar PV – Ross
Ross is working on artwork for the recognitions, and the medium will be decided at another date. Susan will get the info from Planning and Zoning on whom to recognize. Ross will freshen up the tri-fold brochure. He will add pictures of energy star homes and solar panels. Susan will look into LEAP energy audition for homes.

4. Ivy Removal - Michael
No report

5. Article Sign up - Joanne
Please sign up on the Google Doc for Town Newsletter articles. They have to be to the Public Information Office by the 13th of the month prior to publication.

6. Virginia Green Restaurant - Joanne
Please sign up on the Google Doc to take on a restaurant. Suggested restaurants to talk to - Sweetleaf, Pazza Pamordoro, Social Burger. Look online for the Virginia Green Restaurant regulations.

7. Other discussions - Karen Spence, Town Finance Director, mentioned green bonds for projects. The CEC will meet with her to discuss how they can help. Bob will work with Brandy on how to begin the designation of Wildwood Park as a Park Conservation Zone. Also, Brandy will find out the history of Northside and its Park Designation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.