

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**August 22, 2019**  
**Thursday 7:30 pm – Vienna Town Hall**

In Attendance

Susan Patton  
Joanne Burke  
Christine Horner  
Sean Casey  
Susan Stillman  
Christina Caplan  
Rochele Kadish  
Kana Furukawa

Absent

Bob Robinson  
Desiree DiMauro

Guests

Susan Rexroad

**7:30 PM: Welcome/Call to Order**

**Approval of minutes** – Joanne Burke moved the approval of the minutes of July 25, 2019 meeting. Sean Casey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Native Plant presentation/ Native Plant Sale - Susan Patton

- Sep 21<sup>st</sup> native plant sale date set
- Joanne to reach out to Northern VA Soil and Water

There is an effort to have a native plants/soil care presentation prior to the Native Plant Sale.

Plant NOVA Natives potential guest speaker (Margaret Fisher)

- Susan Patton to contact Community Center for dates

Sustainable yard and garden recognition – Rochele Kadish

- Formalize recognition and nomination of native gardens
- Determine how to get more gardens recommended and outreach efforts
  - Social media, Vienna voice, bulletin boards
  - Rain garden classes
- Susan Patton to develop a checklist of ideas in Google Doc

Guest Presentation – Susan Rexroad

- Concerns with climate change and impact of trees
- Susan Stillman discussed Heritage Tree Program, builder regulations, and potential tree forum
- Recommended tree planting events, potential to plant on private property or sponsor a town tree
- Susan Rexroad to collect photos of trees (Contact information: fsjrexroad@verizon.net)
- Sean Casey to compile powerpoint presentation of collected photos
- Discussed 20% tree coverage in 20 years and impact of Dillon Rule State
- For mapping needs use the Town of Vienna Map  
Gallery: <https://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=271>

#### Green Expo 2019 – Susan Stillman

- Date set for April 23 (Thursday) 7-9 PM

#### Bee City-logo etc. - Rochele Kadish

- Rochele Kadish to coordinate signage for logo with Parks and Rec
- Potential native garden at Southside Park

#### Recycling / Composting / Litter update – Joanne Burke and Christina Caplan

- Follow up with Leslie for compost location at fire station status update
- Need to find compost contract to ride for services
- Clarify dos and don'ts for recycling. Produce easy material to show recycling requirements
- Christine Horner to send Christina Caplan a copy of the recycling contract
- Glass collection container now at Providence Community Center (Vaden Drive in Fairfax)
- Potentially add recycling information to the Town calendar moving forward

#### National Solar Home Tour – Susan Stillman

- Dates set for October 5 and 6th
- Susan Stillman sent letters to solar home owners
- Susan's home will be on the tour

#### VPAC update -- Rochele Kadish

- Dates for painting storm sewer drain are September 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> in front of Freeman House
- Kana Farukawa to look for potential art student to assist VPAC
- Suggested grassy area near future Bear Branch Tavern as an area for native plantings and bridge
- Discussed challenges with removing invasive species along W&OD trail near Whole Foods
- Rochele Kadish to follow up with Leslie for invasive removal plans
- Discussed Vienna Market (Marco Polo) public art and contract requirements
- CSC would like to push for pollinator gardens in MAC development process
- Rochele Kadish to work with Planning and Zoning and Parks and Rec to incorporate pollinator gardens in plan review process
- Susan Stillman to talk to Lynne about rules for Town logo use

#### Sustainability Challenge – Desiree DiMauro

- Blend 111 and Vienna Vinter are new additions to the Sustainability Challenge participant list

#### Police Department RFP - Susan Stillman and Sean Casey

- Susan Stillman met with Mayor regarding solar ready and LEED Silver Certification
- Architecture firm has completed a designed for net zero police and town hall in the mid-West
- Recommend to engineer the building to include future use of batteries for resiliency

#### Update of the Eco-Efficient Home Brochure – Sean Casey

- Alex Shy called Sean, follow-up required

Discussion of follow-up twitter / Facebook for CSC - Susan Patton and Sean Casey

- Circulate a google doc for ideas to publicize CSC initiatives
- Coordinate with Adam Kincaid for social media posts

Articles – Joanne Burke

- September: plant sale
- October: Fall leaves best practices (Susan Stillman)
- November: FFX Comm. Environmental & Climate Action Plan (Sean Casey)

**9:00 PM: Meeting Adjourned**