

MEETING MINUTES

CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING

September 26, 2019

Thursday 7:30 pm – Vienna Town Hall

In Attendance

Susan Patton
Joanne Burke
Christine Horner
Sean Casey
Susan Stillman
Christina Caplan
Kana Furukawa
Bob Robinson
Desiree DiMauro
Katie Monacella

Absent

Rochele Kadish

Guests

Susan Rexroad
Fred Rexroad

7:30 PM: Welcome/Call to Order

Approval of minutes – Joanne Burke moved the approval of the minutes of August 29, 2019 meeting. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Guest Presentation – Susan Rexroad (email fsjrexroad@verizon.net)

- Proposes that Vienna plant 500 trees on town property within the next year and sponsor a town wide “Get Out and Plant” event
- Ms. Rexroad has begun coordinating this effort with Gary Lawrence, the town arborist. They have discussed the challenges and considerations to be given including the recommended species of tree.
- Mr. Rexroad reported on the collected count of dead trees in town parks. He noted that Meadow Lane Park had a higher observed number of dead trees. This count only includes trees that are still standing.
- Meadow Lane Park appears to be an opportunity for additional tree planting
- Labor, space, and funding all concerns that need to be addressed with this proposal
- Discussed existing opportunities with Fairfax Releaf, NVSWCS, and the State for tree programs and grants
- Discussed potential for an “adopt a grove” or tree program for citizens
- CSC recommended that Ms. Rexroad also consider outreach and education programs

2020-2021 Budget process – Susan Stillman

- Need to develop budget proposals and begin organizing request for next fiscal year

Tree enhancement on public and private property – Susan Stillman

- Looking for email or contact information for Mr. Land

Composting service update – Susan Stillman

- Leslie Herman is in the process of writing the contract with Veterans Compost for this service
- No fence is currently being proposed around the composting area at the Fire Station

ReCap Native Plant presentation and Native Plant Sale – Susan Patton

- 50 to 60 people in attendance and good turnout at the plant sale
- Signs were helpful to navigate from Farmer's Market
- Publicized using social media, Vienna Voice, and Town Happenings
- Susan is working on a town SOP for advertising events

Recycling / Composting / Litter update – Joanne Burke/ Christina Caplan /Bob Robinson

- Attended Fairfax County recycling coordinator meeting
- Basic Rules:
 - Nothing should be recycled in plastic bags
 - Plastic #1 and #2 can be recycled
 - Must be clean and dry. May contain the lid.
- Recommend updating the website to reference or match Fairfax County
- Work on scheduling recycling center facility tour
- Discussed importance of reduce, reuse and recycle
- Set up meeting with David Donahue to discuss Fairfax County recycling contract

National Solar Home Tour October 5 and 6th – Susan Stillman

- Susan Stillman participating on the 6th from noon to 4

Solarize-report out – Susan Stillman

- Vienna is the #1 zip code with Solarize NoVA Contracts!

VPAC update – Susan Stillman

- 3 storm drains have been painted and 2 more are pending
- Positive feedback has been received

Sustainability Challenge – Desiree DiMauro

- Received 6 new applications and anticipate 2 more in near future
- Christine Horner to coordinate award ceremony with Council agenda

Police Department RFP – Susan Stillman and Sean Casey

- Pending meeting with Susan Stillman, Sean Casey and the Chief for review of design with regards to efficiency and resiliency

Eco-Efficient Home brochure – Sean Casey

- Sean to coordinate with Alex Shy

Green Expo 2019 – Susan Stillman

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

Vienna Voice Articles

- Susan Stillman submitted October article - What to do with fall leaves?
- November - FFX Comm. Environmental & Climate Action Plan – Sean Casey
 - How to reduce the climate impact of the community (homeowners/businesses/churches/etc.)
 - Arlington County recently commitment to carbon neutrality
 - Looking for community input and participation with the Community-Wide Energy and Climate Action Plan for Fairfax County
- December - Potentially recycling – Christina Caplan /Bob Robinson