

MEETING MINUTES
CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING
November 21, 2019
Thursday 7:30 pm – Vienna Town Hall

In Attendance

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

Absent

Guests

Brian Land

7:30 PM: Welcome/Call to Order

Approval of minutes – Moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2019 meeting. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Potential Fairfax County Lamb Center cleanup/ invasive plant removal - Susan Patton /Bob Robinson

- Town working with Fairfax County to determine location of clean up and invasive plant removal as program moves forward
- Mr. Robinson offered to help with invasive plant removal education for program participants
 - Recommended Glyndon Park and Northside (potential to work with NEVCA)

Tree Enhancement on Public and Private Property – Christina Caplan

- Mr. Land expressed interest in pro bono work to help with tree preservation
- Met with Parks and Recreation Department to develop a strategy
 - Ms. Caplan recommended coordinating this effort with Ms. Susan Rexroad
- Discussed potential changes to Town Code or working on state legislation regarding tree canopy requirements
 - Need further discussion to provide clarification on specific issues to be addressed
 - Use other jurisdictions as models to determine requested changes or incentives
 - Ms. Patton requested additional public information or a fact sheet on town tree policies
 - Additional coordinate with Alex Shy (Parks and Recreation Department) for home builder information and questions
 - Mr. Casey discussed additional tree component added to eco-friendly home recognition brochure (See next agenda item)
 - Discussed impact of tree removal on surrounding trees and adjacent properties
 - Stressed fact that legislative change will be most impactful

Update of the Eco-Efficient Home brochure – Sean Casey

- Recommended language update: 25% to 30% canopy coverage by 10 years after development
- As best practice builders are encouraged to conserve neighboring and adjacent trees during construction
- Discussed impact of erosion and sediment control bond being associated with trees
 - Potential pro bono opportunity to make changes to these policies

Planning for new projects in 2020 – Susan Stillman

- Ms. Patton recommended potential green roofs on bus stops
 - This item needs to be coordinated with Planning and Zoning

2020-2021 Budget process – Susan Stillman

- Be thinking about needed funds for projects

NLC Resilience Program grant opportunity – Sean Casey

- Link: <https://www.nlc.org/2020-leadership-in-community-resilience-program-application>
- Need to determine if Town is eligible for this opportunity
- Deadline: December 20, 2019
- National League of Cities (NLC) provides \$10,000 grant opportunity covering the following items: Renewable energy, solar plus storage, green infrastructure, climate mitigation, stormwater management, disaster preparedness, greenhouse gas inventory
- Potential projects at police station or community center specifically solar on police station and solar charging picnic tables on ball field parks

Composting service update – Susan Stillman

- Town working to find suitable composting location

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

- Purple bin for glass recycling is installed on Mill St NE and being utilized

Sustainability Challenge – Desiree DiMauro

- Coordinate award preparation
- New date set for January 6, 2020
- Invitation letter to be sent from Public Works
- Public Works to prepare certificate from the Town and signed by Mayor
- Ms. DiMauro will distribute final list of all recipients to the Town

Eco-efficient home brochure – Sean Casey

- Town to coordinate printing of final brochure

Native plants – Susan Patton

- Seed talk and swap new date: December 5, 2019 at 7:30 PM at Community Center
- Ms. Horner to follow up with Public Information Office for posting to town calendar

Articles

- January - Energy Efficiency LEAP and Infrared Camera
- February – Ms. Furukawa agreed to write updated article on impact of winter road salts

Logo – Rochele Kadish

- Updated logo to be used on banner and to be placed on education/promotional material
- Ms. Kadish will coordinate with Public Information Office for use of new logo

New Business

- Interest in ongoing public speaker series
 - Include educational movies
 - Potential Native Bee discussion with Bee City Month