

MEETING MINUTES
CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 23, 2020
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
Joanne Burke
Sean Casey

Absent

Katie Monacella

Guests

7:30 PM: Welcome/Call to Order

Approval of minutes – Moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Green Expo – Susan Patton

- Date set for April 23, 2020
- Discussed incorporation and appropriate number/type of electric cars
- Commissioners to contact Ms. Patton if interested in assisting with Expo as co-chair for the event
- Ms. Burke volunteered to assist with sign-up forms and background administrative work.
- Recommendation to reach out to previous vendors to discuss this year's event. Work with the Town for email notification to previous participants and sign-up form.
- Potential room for two or three additional vendors

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

- Town working with Fairfax County to initiate pilot program

2020-2021 Budget Process

- Reviewed proposed budget items discussed at previous meetings
- Ms. Burke to coordinate with Ms. Horner for rain barrel and composter to raffle at Green Expo
- Ms. Caplan and Ms. Horner to discuss un-met need for native tree plantings, matching tree program and other tree items for upcoming budget with Parks and Recreation Department
 - Mr. Robinson discussed maintenance concerns and coordination with the Town Arborist

Solarize 2020 – Susan Stillman

- NVRC Solarize 2020 planned to occur in Spring (likely April)
- Includes energy checkups as described in the Vienna Voice
- 12 people in queue for thermal cameras at Community Center

Resilience Grant Opportunity – Sean Casey

- Mr. Casey plans to begin application for next year's grant mid-summer
- Look at previous projects and other jurisdictions for examples

Tree Enhancement on Public and Private Property – Christina Caplan

- Opportunities for free or discounted seedlings from National Wildlife Federation and Fairfax ReLeaf
 - Potential sources for Spring 2020 plantings
- Mr. Land's firm is potentially providing the Town with a study on tree preservation
- Discussed recommendation for additional trees and diversity in Northside Park
- Discussed status of current tree bills in state legislature (20% coverage in 10 years or 25% coverage in 20 years)
 - Coordinate discussion with Town Arborist over recommended canopy coverage versus time frame
- Town arborist and engineer coordinates review of lot coverage, trees and stormwater management.
- On March 2, 2020, there is a planned meeting to discuss proposed increase in permitted lot coverage. Susan Stillman plans to discuss impact on tree canopy.
- Ms. Caplan discussed tree education/outreach to residents, including use of Fairfax County booklet on benefits of trees and i-Tree Design program
 - Agreed to write article for April 2020 Vienna Voice (due March 10)
- Ms. Horner to follow up on Heritage Dedication Program participation

Composting Service – Christine Horner

- Potential to be installed at Glyndon Park pending coordination with surrounding properties
- Additional education and press release to follow

Litter Grant Update – Christine Horner

- Town to purchase cigarette Sidewalk Buttlers for community center and bus stops using awarded grant monies
- Investigating TerraCycle cigarette butt recycling and education outreach campaign

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

- Potential tour of American Recycling Center on Friday - February 7, 2020
- 29 tons of glass recycled at purple bin in Vienna since November

Bee City and Monarch Pledge - Rochele Kadish

- Public Information Office approved use of CSC logo with the Town logo on banner
- Public Works working to make Bee City sign for Town

Sustainability Challenge – Desiree DiMauro

- Hosted a successful award recognition in early January
- Ms. DiMauro plans to meet with the Town's Economic Development Manager (Natalie Monkou) in February to discuss changes to next year's award program and additional publicity for awardees
- Program likely to be shifted to May

Eco-efficient home brochure – Sean Casey

- Town to print final brochure as needed
- Brochure to be placed at Community Center and Town Hall (Planning and Zoning)
- Ms. Horner to coordinate with Planning and Zoning to have brochure emailed to home builders
- Potential to place on Town or NVRC website
- Mr. Casey to write article discussing new brochure for May Vienna Voice (due April 10)

Native plants – Susan Patton

- Successful talk and plentiful seed swap
- 35 – 40 people attended
- Potential dates for native plant sale (April 18, May 16, May 23, May 30)
- Final date: May 16th

Articles

- February – Impact of winter road salts (Kana Furukawa)
- March – Reduce and Reuse (Bob Robinson/Christina Caplan)
- April – Economic and environmental benefits of preserving trees (Christina Caplan)
- May – Updated Eco-efficient home brochure (Sean Casey)

Meeting Adjourned – 9:00 pm