



Council Committee Notes – Streets, Sidewalks and Playgrounds

Date: June 10, 2010 **Time:** 3:30 PM **Location:** Town Hall **Chair:** Councilmember Barbara Robertson (absent) **Attendees:** Councilmember Randy Moubray, Town Manager Tom Saunders, Community Development Strategist Susan Cockrell

Notes on Discussions:

1. The Committee reviewed a draft proposal for regulating fund raising “net drives” in the Town. The committee will study the proposal and make a recommendation next month.
2. TM Saunders reported the town received only one responsive bid for the side walk/bike path along Town Centre Drive, from C. W. Davis Co. for \$101,000. Since Council had previously authorized spending \$100,000 for the project, the committee agreed to recommend acceptance of this proposal and proceed with the project.
3. Saunders reported that he received final quote for signs to be placed on Main Street near Waverly Ave that will say “Marina” with an arrow that points toward the boat basin, and has passed the quote on to Mr. Holcomb at Chesapeake Boat Basin.
4. Saunders reported that the town has joined the “Assign a Highway” program run out of the Northern Neck Regional Jail to have offenders with community service assignments pick up trash along local roadways. The program’s first day in Kilmarnock was today (6/10/10) and 43 bags of trash were collected along School Street, Harris Road, Mary Ball Road (northern entrance to town and southern entrance to town).
5. The committee had a lengthy discussion about the difficulty keeping the core area of town really clean. A VDOT street sweeping just the day before had been largely ineffectual because it occurred in the middle of the day when the streets are largely lined with cars. One possible solution would be for the town to purchase small machine that could sweep both the sidewalks and the curbs in the Steptoos District. TM Saunders estimated it would cost approximately \$20,000 per year in machinery depreciation and labor April through September, to operate the machine. The committee agreed to study the matter and seek Council’s input.
6. Saunders reported that an abandoned well on the Town Centre lot is in the process of being closed according to VDH protocols.

Recommendations to Council:

- Approve granting a contract for installing a sidewalk along Town Centre Drive to C. W. Davis Co. for \$101,000.

Recommended for further study:

- Ways to keep streets and sidewalks downtown looking cleaner through the year.