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## FGP MEETING MINUTES 2001 – 2005

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Greetings --

The Organization Soon To Be Known As The Rappahannock or Greater Fredericksburg Greens met for the first time Sunday, Oct. 14th, 6pm at 632 Maury Street. In attendance were the people on the following list, with the exception of Joe Thornhill and Matthew Wilkerson, both of whom had expressed (via email) a desire to be informed of the proceedings.

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Action items decided at the meeting were as follows:

1. We need a larger and more permanent place to meet. Be on the lookout. Possibilities expressed included the library and the Unitarian Church. In the meantime, we will meet at my place on Sundays at 632 Maury St., 6pm.
2. We need a name, preferably one that's short and simple, and takes into account Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg, Stafford, etc.. Suggested possibilities included "The Greater Fredericksburg Green Party" and "The

Rappahannock Greens" (although there is already a "Rappahannock Source Green Party"). We decided to think about this one and bring more suggestions next week.

3. Once we have a name, we'll need to register ourselves formally with the State GP and whatever local elections boards there may be. I (Chris) will look into this.

4. Also once we have a name, we'll want to get an appropriate domain name, set up a website, and advertise it on local web bulletin boards. Any web gurus out there who'd like to design and maintain the site? We'll also need a listserv for meeting announcements, etc.

5. In addition to promoting our weekly meetings on whatever community bulletin boards we may find, it was also decided that we would look into the possibility of a larger "General Interest Meeting", an open house sort of thing with bands, food, and speakers, to increase our numbers. The target date for such an event would be Nov. 17th. Projects have been broken down as follows, though everyone should be on the lookout:

Place/Date/Time and Poster/Flyer production: Canice, Jill, Judith  
Entertainment & Speakers : Chris, Leila  
Print/Radio/Cable advertisement : Duane  
Press Release : Chris

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I'm glad to see we have a good core group from which to start. See you on Sunday!

Chris Fink  
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#### Fredericksburg Green Party Meeting Notes 10/21/2001

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The Fredericksburg Green Party met 10/21/2001 at 632 Maury Street, with the following members in attendance:

Chris F., Canice G., Judith M., and Duane H.

1. NAME : We have a name ! Henceforth we call ourselves "The Fredericksburg Green Party", though we shall take care to make sure that people understand that we represent the surrounding area as well.

2. GENERAL INTEREST MEETING : It was decided that we should postpone the big "Open House" until Spring 2002, and instead focus on gaining membership via postings of our meeting schedule, word-of-mouth, and various somewhat simpler forms of community outreach such as the occasional potluck dinner, river cleanup, soup kitchen help, etc... Keep your eyes open for good opportunities.

3. WEB PRESENCE / email listserv : Chris will handle this soon.

4. MEETING PLACE / TIME : Canice and Judith will focus on procuring a more permanent meeting place (the library and Unitarian Church seem the best bets at the moment). Our next meeting will be at 632 Maury Street, Sunday 10/28, 6pm. Thereafter, we tentatively plan to go bi-monthly (every other week!) at a new locale.

5. COMMUNITY CALENDARS : In order to support our growth as a local party, it was deemed important that we get our meeting schedule posted on as many community calendars as possible. We have a good selection to start with, and Duane has agreed to keep our main list of these, keep track of the deadlines, and make sure we're

posted. We'd like to expand this concept to radio and public access TV as well, so people should be on the lookout for appropriate media outlets and get those contact numbers.

6. STATE AFFILIATION / LOCAL REGISTRATION : Chris F. has sent initial requests to the VA state GP and to the Elections Boards of Fredericksburg, Stafford, and Spotsylvania in order to determine our registration / affiliation requirements. We should be prepared at least to vote on state affiliation at the next meeting. For more info about the state GP, see <http://www.vagreenparty.org/> .

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT : Once we get going, I'm sure there will be many issues we want to help solve for the community. One way of being effective at this is to start becoming familiar with the workings of the city/county, and this is best done by attending their meetings and letting them know we're watching. I don't have info on Stafford or Spotsylvania meetings at the moment, but the City Council of Fredericksburg meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:30pm at the council chambers of city hall, 715 Princess Anne St. Also, one may want to check out these various sites:

<http://www.efredericksburg.com/>

<http://www.co.stafford.va.us/>

<http://www.state.va.us/>

There are also vacancies on many of the government boards !!!! These would be good, low overhead ways to get Greens in positions of some importance. As we grow, we should encourage our members to take these opportunities.

Current vacancies are listed here: <http://www.efredericksburg.com/boards/boardlist.html> .

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## Fredericksburg Green Party Meeting Notes 10/28/2001

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 10/28/2001 at The Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Meeting Room 2, with the following members in attendance: Chris F., Canice G., and Judith M.

1. MEETING SCHEDULE: Beginning next Sunday, we will be meeting bi-weekly (twice a month) at The Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Meeting Room 2, 4:00-5:15pm.

2. PROMOTION:

a. As Duane has (sadly) left our group, Chris will be taking on the duty of keeping a master list of community calendars upon which to post our meeting schedule. Look for us in the Free-Lance Star calendar tomorrow.

b. Chris will also handle keeping master lists of press contacts and contacts of other local progressive groups with whom we can coordinate in the future and through whom we may be able to attract new members. Help Chris get a good start -- send in any such contacts that you may have already, and keep an eye out for new ones! Thanks.

c. Canice will be working on a new, jazzier version of our meeting announcement flyer.

d. Canice will also be attempting to procure a list of contacts from the local Nader 2000 campaign.

e. Judith will be working on an FGP brochure, so that people will have some idea of what we're about.

Chris will send Judith some raw materials he has collected.

f. Canice will look into obtaining a PO Box for our mail.

3. STATE AFFILIATION: The FGP has signed a formal request to the VA State Greens for official local status. This request will be voted upon at the next State meeting (1st or 2nd week of December). By then, we need to:

a. Elect a Treasurer,

b. Elect a local contact for state website,

c. Elect an IC (Interim Committee) representative to the State party.

4. PARTY REGISTRATION: We've heard back from the County of Stafford, who apparently have no special registration needs unless we become a PAC. From the VA State GP, we hear that we need to do the following:

- a. Elect a party treasurer.
- b. Obtain a P.O. Box and Bank Account.
- c. Go to IRS.gov and get SS4 form to apply for an Employee ID # (EIN#).
- d. Fax completed form to Philadelphia IRS VA office, stating the request for an EIN#.

5. WEB PRESENCE / email listserve : Chris has been in contact with Susan at the VAGP and also the Green Internet Society, which hosts green websites for donations (min. \$5/month). We hope to obtain the domain name Fredericksburg.vagreenparty.org . Chris is also working on a website. As far as the listservers go, we expect to have two: one low-volume, one-way "official" listserve and one "two-way" chit-chat service.

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#### FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY (FGP) MEETING NOTES 11/4/2001

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The FGP met 11/4/2001 at 4pm in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, with 2 members in attendance: Chris Fink and Canice Graziano.

- 1) Canice agreed to get us a PO box.
- 2) Chris to work on website and affiliation/registration issues.
- 3) Both agreed to poster profusely to raise attendance figures.

– submitted by Chris Fink, interim Secretary.

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#### FGP meeting notes, 11/18/2001

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 11/18/2001 at 4pm in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Community Library, with two members in attendance: Chris Fink and John Curtis.

- 1) TREASURER: John Curtis volunteered to be our new Treasurer.
- 2) STATE AFFILIATION / PARTY REGISTRATION: John will sign and submit SS4 form to IRS for our EIN#, and will look into a bank account, as well as Local Political Committee requirements in case we go that route.
- 3) PROMO: Chris will continue working on the website, community calendars, & databases (membership, media, progressive groups).

– submitted by Chris Fink, interim Secretary.

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## Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) Meeting Notes 12/2/2001

The FGP met 12/2/2001, 4pm at the Central Rappahannock Community Library, meeting room #2, with four members in attendance: Chris F., Canice G., Judith M., and John C.

### Contact info:

Chris Fink (Coordinator, state rep., and interim Secretary) - cfphd@earthlink.net (540) 374-1330

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Canice Graziano (Promo/Event Dept.) - grazianocanice@hotmail.com

Judith McIntosh (Promo/Event Dept.) - jmcintosh20@hotmail.com

1) STATE AFFILIATION AND NEWS: The VA State GP will meet Saturday, 12/15/2001 at the Jefferson Madison Library Central Branch (201 E. Market St. in McIntire room) in Charlottesville. For more info, visit <http://www.vagreenparty.org>. Our request for an affiliation vote has been placed on the agenda for this meeting, but there may be additional requirements (see Party Registration below) that we need to address before this date. Depending on how their voting is done, we may want to make an effort to be there (contact Chris). For example, if any officially registered VA Green Party member (as we all are, right?) can vote for affiliation, then we increase our chances by being there ourselves.

2) PARTY REGISTRATION: For now, it looks like the way to go is to set ourselves up with the IRS as an "unincorporated association". Later on, when we spend money to promote a specific piece of legislation or candidate, we will have to additionally become a "VA State Local Political Committee". Our Treasurer (John) has the appropriate forms, for at least the first option, and will be faxing them in ASAP, in case we need to have this done for affiliation purposes. We also need a bank account, and John will be spending the first couple of days this week exploring our options in this regard, at which point he and Chris will go out and sign the papers. (Note to John: it may be that we'll need the EIN# in order to get a bank account -- better ask about this).

### 3) PROMO ITEMS:

- a) Chris to design new version of poster with tear-offs and distribute to group (include web address!).
- b) Judith to continue work on pamphlet (include web address!).
- c) Judith to design flyers (small, 4-to-a-page handouts), and distribute to group (include web address!).
- d) Canice to look up old Nader contacts and organize either a mailing or phone list.
- e) Chris to continue compilation of the following:
  - i) Database of media contacts
  - ii) Database of other local progressive groups
  - iii) FGP membership roster
  - iv) Database of community calendars for meeting schedule posting
- f) Canice and Judith to organize hosting of progressive speakers / discussion groups.
- g) Canice to ensure that we continue to reserve meeting room at the library.
- h) Chris to put finished versions of all promo materials on website.

#### i) EVERYONE:

- i) Continue to send Chris new contacts/links for the databases mentioned above,
- ii) Continue to drop off posters and flyers wherever possible (if you don't have copies, email

Chris),

iii) Continue to push your friends and relatives to join us at the meetings, or at very least to visit the VA state website and formally register as a Green Party member. Also remember to collect their email address if they would like to receive our bulletins.

4) WEBSITE/LISTSERV : We now have a website ( <http://www.fredericksburg.vagreenparty.org> ), but do not yet have a listservice (an automated email group). Chris will work on this.

5) OPEN POSITIONS: The FGP has openings in the following positions:

a) Secretary -- responsible for sending/replying to official mail and email for the FGP, taking and distributing meeting notes, and until we have a separate position for this, maintaining the local progressive group and community calendar databases.

b) Web Guru -- responsible for maintaining the website and listservices.

6) OVERALL AGENDA: Just to formalize what I've been recommending, I think our big picture is as follows:

---- SHORT-TERM -----

a) State Affiliation and Party Registration.

b) Internal Organization (Defining our offices/departments and populating them).

c) Regular promotion of our meeting schedule. I think an appropriate goal is 10 regular members by 1/1/2002. Toward that end, we need to create and maintain a complete set of general, re-usable promotional materials, and ensure they are available to every member for immediate use:

i) Regular Poster

ii) Tear-off poster

iii) Flyer (1/4 page)

iv) tri-fold pamphlet

v) Website

d) Create and maintain databases: membership, community calendar, local progressive groups, media contacts.

---- MEDIUM-TERM -----

d) Initialization of easy, compact, public activities such as speaker presentations, discussion groups, and community service actions. These will give us needed exposure, as well as experience in identifying the topics we'll want to press on in the long-term actions. For now, we should focus on items which have wide support but that aren't being sufficiently addressed. Later on, once we get some clout, we can attack more controversial items.

e) Regular presence at City/County meetings, or at very least a regular internal discussion of current public affairs. We need to define, for ourselves and others, why there is a need for a third party in our area.

---- LONG-TERM -----

f) Develop and pass a set of by-laws.

g) Identify and plan a small list of those major projects which we think we can maintain and achieve.

h) Hold a membership drive to populate our departments and projects with willing volunteers.

i) Execute said projects.

j) Run a local candidate for public office. (!)

Thanks to all -- See you at our next meeting, Dec. 16th, 2001 at the Library, meeting room #2.

– Chris Fink, interim Secretary

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 12/16/2001, 4:00pm in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, with 4 members in attendance: Chris F., Canice G., Judith M., and John C.

1) AFFILIATION/REGISTRATION : The FGP is now officially affiliated with the Green Party of Virginia ! We are also officially registered with the IRS as an Unincorporated Association. Our next step is to secure a bank account and set up our ledgers appropriately. Our Treasurer, John, will focus on these items.

2) PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS :

a) All of our major promotional materials are now on our website ( <http://fredericksburg.vagreenparty.org> ) for easy download. This will be useful as we grow, for our volunteers may download posters for copying and distribution. New promotional materials may also be created from the raw logos, etc. stored here as well.

b) We now have a tear-off version of the poster. These can be extremely useful... when posted!

c) Judith is continuing work on a quarter-page flyer.

d) Judith is continuing work on a tri-fold pamphlet.

e) Watch for our full-page ad in the next issue of ONE magazine !!!

3) ADMINISTRATIVE DATABASES: Chris is in the process of setting up databases for membership, press contacts, progressive group contacts, and community calendar postings. Some of these (all but membership) will be provided on the website when complete. Please keep a lookout for appropriate data and send to Chris. Canice and Chris are still working on possibly securing a list of local Nader volunteers.

4) OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES: Canice has secured our meeting place/time reservation at the library for the next year. Way to go!

5) INTERNAL COMMUNICATION: We now have two internal internet listservices:

a) A low-volume announcements only listserve called "FGPannounce", which can be found at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FGPannounce> , or directly subscribed to by sending an email to [FGPannounce@yahoogroups.com](mailto:FGPannounce@yahoogroups.com) with the word "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject field (Please include your full contact info in the body of the email when doing this). THIS LISTERVE IS MODERATED, and is one-way -- only the moderator (Chris F.) may post to it. The purpose is to distribute meeting notes and important announcements only. As we grow as a group, we may find it necessary to designate this as the "official means of member notification", so ALL FGP MEMBERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO JOIN AT LEAST THIS LIST !!!

b) A high-volume chat listserve called "FPchat", which can be found at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FGPchat> , or directly subscribed to by sending an email to [FGPannounce@yahoogroups.com](mailto:FGPannounce@yahoogroups.com) with the word "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject field. THIS LISTSERVE IS UN-MODERATED -- anyone may join and post messages. The purpose is to provide an easy way for any member to broadcast information, files, social event announcements, etc. to all other members. Subscription to this list is optional, and the list is considered UNOFFICIAL. IF YOU JOIN ONLY ONE LIST, JOIN THE OTHER ONE !!!

Internal communication is the backbone of any strong organization, so be sure to read your email !!!

6) COMMUNITY DISCUSSION SERIES: As its first local project, the FGP has decided to undertake the production and hosting of a series of open discussions for the community at large, some possibly including guest speakers. We propose to hold these in one of the larger rooms at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library beginning in March 2002, and Canice is taking charge of site reservation. We thought that an appropriate first topic would be simple community involvement in local government -- that is, what is the process by which Jane Q. Public finds out about the hierarchy, departments, and duties of her elected officials, their meeting schedules and current business, and how does she go about introducing her own voice and comments to the official agenda? Along the way, we hope and expect that discussion will ensue regarding any obstacles to her progress, historical or current, and how the system might be improved. ACTION ITEM: We'd like members to think about this issue and, at the next meeting, propose concrete subtopics and questions they'd like to see answered/discussed. A good starting point would be to ponder the question, "What do we mean by 'community', what do we want out of it, and what are our responsibilities as members?" Additional ideas as to the detailed schedule/agenda/logistics of such a discussion are welcome as well.

Our next meeting will be 1/6/2002, 4:00pm-5:15pm in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library on Caroline Street, Fredericksburg. Hope to see you there, and please remember to bring friends, or at least put up a few posters... we'd like to reach our goal of 10 regular members!

Submitted 12/20/2001 by Chris Fink, FGP interim secretary.

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## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 01/06/2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met at 4pm, 1/6/02, in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library in Downtown Fredericksburg, with three members in attendance: Chris F., Judith M., and Canice G.

### 1) UNFINISHED BUSINESS :

- a) Chris has completed the databases (or at least the structures thereof) for the following: membership, press contacts, progressive organization contacts, promotional contacts, and attendance, but we still need to get (some of) these on the website, and we certainly need to more aggressively take part in filling these in!
- b) Judith is continuing work on a tri-fold brochure and quarter-page flyer.
- c) We still need a report from our treasurer, John, as to his progress in setting up our ledger/accounts.
- d) Canice has obtained a list of potential new members from prior Nader contacts, and is in the process of contacting them. Things the secretary needs to know are :
  - i) Name/address/email/phone, etc.
  - ii) Whether they would like an invitation to subscribe to our email listserves,
  - iii) If there are any special talents they have that they would be willing to be "on call" for (like legal advice, etc.) or positions they're interested in.
  - iv) If they are registered with the state GP.

All other short-term administrative tasks have been completed, so we are ready to begin our first real project...

### 2) COMMUNITY FORUM :

- a) We discussed whether to hold one initial forum on all topics, but the tide is turning in favor of the following: a series of three forums, each on a particular topic, with a panel of around six invited panelists. At



each forum, we would have a short list of questions (3 or 4) ready, and previously distributed. Each question would be put to the group, and each panelist would be given five minutes to answer, followed by an open discussion in which members of the community (non-panelists) could approach the microphone and give their answers and thoughts. This would complete a round, and the next question would be asked. An FGP rep would be on hand at the side of the stage, equipped with chalkboard or whiteboard to keep track of the most common responses, which could be referred to later in the discussion, and either copied and handed out after the conclusion of the forum (or the refreshment period thereafter) or at very least posted on the FGP website.

b) The current state of the topic list is as follows: One forum each on these issues:

i) The Community itself: what it means to be a part, and what the ideal community would be.

Invitees would include members of planning commissions and community service organizations.

ii) Local Government : Duties, process, openness, how it works and how to get involved.

Invitees would include elected officials.

iii) Politics : Which parties have a local presence, what do they stand for, and what (if anything)

is their role when not pushing candidates? Invitees would include representatives from local branches of all political parties.

c) The current state of the question list will be provided in a separate email ON THE CHAT LISTSERVE ONLY. Contributions / suggestions are expected.

d) Current ETA on this is mid-April for the first forum. We'll see whether this will work. It was generally agreed that if we go with a multi-forum schedule, that it be promoted and organized as a unified set or series.

e) For the forum on local government, it was generally agreed that a good idea would be to have handy a set of posters, one for Fredericksburg, one for Stafford, and one for Spotsylvania, each laying out the corresponding branches and offices of government, auxiliary organizations, meeting times, etc. These could be copied in 8 1/2" x 11" format to be handed out to the public as well.

f) Pulling this off essentially breaks down into three broad categories:

i) AGENDA : Deciding upon the topics, questions, format, and invitees.

ii) PROMO : Invitations, press release, media coverage, postering and flyer, etc.

iii) VENUE LOGISTICS : Reserving the room, setting up chairs and PA, refreshments, etc.

I'm sure we'll all be involved in each, but if there is anyone out there who would like to help out on a specific item, please let me (Chris : [cfpd@earthlink.net](mailto:cfpd@earthlink.net)) know.

### 3) ACTION ITEMS :

a) Post to chat listserv the following "working documents":

i) Question list, broken down by topic. This will be pared down later.

ii) Agenda statement.

iii) Promotional checklist.

iv) Venue Logistics checklist.

Chris will handle the initial drafts -- it is expected that all of these will be reviewed by the FGP membership and modifications made. If things get really busy, we may decide to hand off each to a designated project manager.

b) Bring to the next meeting the following items. As I understand it, we've split the area up as follows -- Chris gets F'burg, Judith took Spotsylvania, and Canice gets Stafford (correct me if I'm wrong).

i) A list of suggested invitees for each topic (don't forget to include community service organizations and local political party contacts),

ii) A rough draft of the governmental structure of this area,

iii) A list of suggested questions.

c) As usual, do all the regular FGP postering, flyer, and word-of-mouth that you can !!!

That about covers it....

Submitted 01/06/2002 by Chris Fink, interim secretary.

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## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 1/20/2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met at 4:00pm, 1/20/2002 in Meeting Room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, with 4 members in attendance: Canice G., Chris F., John C., and new member Janet Mata-Hitz.

1) FGP COMMUNITY FORUM SERIES : This is our only project at the moment, though certain small administrative matters remain incomplete (see last meeting notes for details). Last week, Chris sent out the checklists for agenda setting, promotion, and venue logistics, with the hope that further scrubbing would be done by the membership via the chat listserv. This has so far not happened, but must if we are to get anywhere on this project. At some point, we are going to have to finalize these checklists and start assigning the duties.

Forum #1 : At the CRRL, 4/14/2002 date confirmed, and we're setting the time at 2:00pm. Some suggestions for invitees were Mayor Beck, The Downtown Greens Garden Group, the Friends of the Rappahannock, RAG (the anti-sprawl group), and Battlefield Sierra. The suggestion was entertained that we drop the questions relating to the "ideal" community.

Forum #2 : 5/12/2002 at the CRRL is tentative. Canice is looking into changing the venue to a community center in the hope that an earlier date can be obtained. Still need invitee list, but that shouldn't be hard, as the local government websites have lists of contact info. Need to put together "maps" or "flowcharts" of each relevant local government structure ahead of time, as per the region assignments earlier agreed upon.

Forum #3 : 6/23/2002 at the CRRL is tentative. Canice is looking into changing the venue to a local park due to the increased likelihood of public attendance. Still need invitee list, but again this shouldn't be difficult, as the scope is well-defined.

General Issues : As far as logistics go, it was decided that the seating estimate was 70 people, and we would need 5 tables at minimum, including table skirts for three of them. The note-taker proposition was approved, and it was decided that the medium of choice was the large pad of paper. We'll also need an easel. Canice volunteered to look into beverage provision, and Chris volunteered to look into food provision.

All of these changes have been made on the main copies of the respective checklists, but we'll wait to distribute the updated versions until we've made at least one pass through all the checklists. Of course, if you did not receive copies of these, ask and ye shall receive. I'll try to post these on the website.

2) It was deemed advisable that, although we have no monetary influx as of yet, we start keeping track of our expenses. Please bring your estimates to the next meeting.

So, to sum up, the ACTION ITEMS for this week are as follows:

- A) REVIEW THESE CHECKLISTS AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS VIA THE CHAT LISTSERVE.
- B) CONFIRM DATES/TIMES/LOCALES for the 2nd and 3rd forums.
- C) BEGIN WORKING ON THE GOVERNMENT GUIDES (MAPS) FOR YOUR ASSIGNED AREAS.
- D) IDENTIFY DONORS OR VOLUNTEERS FOR FORUM REFRESHMENT SOURCES.
- E) BRING ESTIMATES / RECEIPTS OF EXPENSES (OR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS) SO FAR ACCRUED, FOR RECORDING BY OUR TREASURER.

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Submitted 1/29/2002 by the FGP Interim Secretary, Chris Fink.

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## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 2/3/2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 2/3/2002 at 4:00pm in meeting room #2 of The Central Rappahannock Regional Library, with 4 members (including one new member!) in attendance: Chris F., Canice G., Judith M., and Chuck S. (Welcome!)

A) COMMUNITY FORUM SERIES : We got through the rest of the checklists, and got some good suggestions to fill in the holes. The next step is to break it all down into specific duties so that we can begin assigning / volunteering for these tasks. Some of the new ideas are as follows:

- 1) Promotion Checklist / Venue Media : Unitarian Church can announce at services or post?
- 2) Promotion Checklist / Radio/TV : Community Calendar listings on Channel 3 (Prestige) and Cable channel 24?
- 3) Promotion Checklist / Personal Contact : Email PolySci, Sociology, English profs to announce
- 4) Promotion Checklist / Other : Directly before event, have someone dress up in costume (town crier, Statue of Liberty, whatever..) to lead the public into the event.
- 5) Venue Logistics Checklist : Ask about broadcasting the event on cable ?
- 6) Promotion Checklist / Other : Make contact with the Mary Washington Greens to see if they would like to participate.

B) OPEN POSITIONS / REGULAR TASKS : The FGP has openings in the following areas. Contact Chris (374-1330, cfphd@earthlink.net) for more information.

- 1) FGP Secretary : Responsible for collecting and answering external mail, taking and distributing meeting notes and attendance, maintenance of the email listserves, and (for the moment) maintaining the membership & attendance lists. Chris Fink (the current coordinator) is handling this at the moment, but it'd be nice to have a separate dedicated member at this post. Or, if you prefer taking over as coordinator, Chris can take on the Secretarial job.
- 2) FGP Promotion Department Manager & Members : Responsible for maintaining the community calendar lists, promotional items, website, etc. Scheduling and organizing personnel for regular poster/flyer routes.
- 3) FGP Community Outreach Coordinator : Responsible for maintaining and fostering links with other community service organizations, as well as researching options for individual or party participation in new or already-established community service projects.
- 4) FGP Press/Media Manager : Responsible for maintaining the press contact database, producing FGP press releases, and coordinating media interviews / open houses in concert with the Promotion Department.

C) TASK LIST FOR NEXT MEETING:

- 1) Make changes/additions to checklists and re-post (Chris)
- 2) Put checklists in specific duty format and distribute (Chris)
- 3) Continue work on city/county government flowcharts/maps for forum #2 (Chris, Canice, Judith)
- 4) Produce a 1/4-page flier (Judith)
- 5) Produce and distribute a sample forum program / questionnaire (Chris)
- 6) Check on / confirm venues and dates (Canice)
- 7) Check on cable broadcasting (or at least community calendar placement) (Chuck)
- 8) Check on other political party contact info for forum #3 (????)
- 9) Check on alternative group contact info for forum #1 (????)
- 10) Check with the Mary Washington Greens to see if they would like to participate in the forums. (Chris)

- 11) Process the new IRS mail that has come in (John)
  - 12) Bring in receipts for in-kind and reimbursable donations for processing by the treasurer (ALL)
    - Submitted 2/8/2002 by Chris Fink, Interim FGP Secretary.
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## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 2/17/2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 2/17/2002 from 4:00pm-5:15pm in Meeting Room #2 of The Central Rappahannock Regional Library, with 8 members (including 3 new members!) in attendance: Chris F., Scott B., Kadin C., Ann T., Canice G., Judy M., John C., and Leila C.

1) NEW DEPARTMENTS & OFFICERS: The following brave souls stepped up to the plate to take on the following positions. This will help us stay organized as we grow. WAY TO GO !!!

- a) FGP Press/Media Coordinator : Judith McIntosh
- b) FGP Community Outreach Coordinator : Canice Graziano
- c) FGP Promotion & Web Coordinators : Kadin Contois and Dr. Scott Brooks

2) FORUM PREPARATION PROGRESS :

- a) Changes and additions to the checklists since last meeting were re-posted to the website and the listserves as promised.
- b) Checklists were put in "specific duty" format and posted.
- c) A sample forum program was created and posted.
- d) Leila Choudhury visited us from the Mary Washington Greens to find out about our plans. She will report back to them, and then notify us as to how they can help, if they decide to do so. Thanks, Leila!
- e) John has processed the IRS mail that we received.
- f) A small group met Monday 2/18/02 at Judith's to go over the forum questions. See below.
- g) It was decided that Canice should go ahead with plans to reserve a date/time/stage at the park for Forum #3, and that we would all chip in for the projected cost of approximately \$150 (including stage).
- h) Scott volunteered to try to reserve us a spot at Mary Washington College for the second forum.
- i) Kadin volunteered to secure entertainment for the third forum.
- j) There apparently remains an open question as to who is claiming responsibility for designing the local government maps for Spotsylvania and Stafford counties. We need one volunteer for each. The meeting notes for 01/06/02 list Judith as having taken Spotsy and Canice Stafford, but a few heard that apparently Chuck S. had agreed to take on one of these.

3) TASK LIST FOR NEXT MEETING:

- a) Make sure that all appropriate databases, website materials, etc. are distributed to the new officers (Chris).
- b) Reserve a room, if possible, at MWC for Forum #2, between 5/11-5/18/2002 (Scott).
- c) Reserve a spot & stage at the park for Forum #3, sometime from 2-4 weeks after Forum #2 (Canice).
- d) Begin lining up entertainment for Forum #3 (Kadin).
- e) 1/4 page flyer (Judith).
- f) Send any brochure artwork & copy not already obtainable via the website to Judith & Scott (Chris).
- g) Look into obtaining video coverage for each forum (Scott & Kadin : see me for contact info on Chuck S., who had also agreed to look into this).

- h) Settle the matter of the local government maps/outlines, and continue work on these.
- i) Inquire into the suggested list of invitees for Forum #1 (Kadin, Canice, Judith, Chris -- see below).
- j) Revise question lists for Forums #2 & #3 (Kadin, Canice, Judith, Chris -- see below).

#### 4) QUESTION & PANEL INVITEE LISTS -- PROGRESS:

- a) The revised list of questions for Forum #1, as printed on the Sample Program, were approved.
- b) The assignments for checking out the webpages & background info for suggested Forum #1 invitees is as follows:
  - i) Chris : Larry Evans, Scott Howson, Shelters/Hope House.
  - ii) Canice : Friends of the Rappahannock, FRED, Battlefield Sierra, Old Town Preservation Society.
  - iii) Judith : Tacomah Park, Chesapeake Bay, Campaign VA, FACRO, Habitat for Humanity, Gray Panthers.
  - iv) Kadin : CRRL Library.
- c) It was decided that each member of the question review team would come up with their own suggested revised question list for Forums #2 & #3, for later comparison, as based upon the rough lists posted on the website under "Agenda Checklist".

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Submitted 2/21/2002 by FGP interim Secretary Chris Fink

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Fredericksburg Green Party  
Meeting Notes, March 3, 2002

Central Rappahannock Regional Library, 4:00 pm

There were three members in attendance: John Curtis, Kadin, and Scott Brooks.

We discussed arrangements for the upcoming community forums.

Kadin has made arrangements with Cathy Horner to play at the June forum. He has also contacted a duo ("She Bites Dogs"?) who would probably be willing to play, but is looking for another back-up act. Kadin and Scott feel they have enough connections to get sound equipment.

Scott is still working on the possibility of holding Forum #2 on the Mary Washington College campus.

Scott volunteered to work on some of the promotional items from the checklist.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Notes submitted 3/23/02 by John Curtis, FGP Treasurer.

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## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 3/17/2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 3/17/2002, 4:00pm in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library on Caroline St., Fredericksburg, with 3 members in attendance : Chris F., Canice G., and Scott B.

### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- a. Officers are urged to call Chris F. to schedule an appointment for setup, at their home, of appropriate software. He will do what he can for your internet/website/listserve connections as well, at that time.
- b. Also, keep our Treasurer, John Curtis, informed of any expenditures you make on behalf of the FGP, whether reimbursement is expected or not. His email is thedadster61@yahoo.com .
- c. Consider the possibility of a dues system, to keep a more or less steady \$\$ flow coming in. We'll talk about it at the next meeting.

### 2. FORUM DATELINE/STATUS :

a. Forum #1 on The Community : Locked in at CRRL 4/14/02, 2:00pm. Invites went out 3/21/02 except for Agnes McGee and Maude Scott, which someone will have to track down personally. It was agreed that March 31st would be our cutoff date for deciding whether to go ahead. No promo goes out before that date, but we need to make sure we have the promo ready to go the day after. Chris F. will put together final versions of a 1/4-page flyer, poster, and brochure, and will make appropriate copies. These will be available 3/31/2002. We'll also need a press release, and hopefully, someone to tape this for cable. Canice & Scott are looking into PA system availability. The note-taker and moderator jobs have been combined.

Chris will look at the checklists and send out individual task lists based on these.

b. Forum #2 on Local Government : Penciled in at The Unitarian Church for 5/26/2002 (time?), but financial details to be worked out (Canice). Keep working on those flowcharts.

c. Forum #3 on Politics & Parties : We want 6/22/2002 at Hurkamp Park, but Chris F. has not yet reserved this date, and probably won't until we see what kind of energy we can muster and buzz we can generate for the first forum.

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Submitted 3/24/02 by Chris Fink, interim TGP Secretary.

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## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 4/7/2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 4/7/2002 at 4pm in meeting room #2 of the downtown Central Rappahannock Regional Library branch. There were 4 members in attendance : Chris F., Canice G., John C., and Scott B.

1) BROCHURES : Chris F. has a tentative brochure ready, which he will post on the website for comment. Scott B. suggested that a second, independent version be released as well, focusing on the Ten Key Values. Chris F will post a tentative version of this as well. Use the chat listserve or email Chris directly with your comments. We should try to have these nailed down soon.

2) NEW EVENT SCHEDULE : As you all have heard, the Forum Series is officially on the back burner for the moment, as we did not feel we had adequate resources to promote it properly. We have instead decided to focus on two main goals:

a) Creating a process whereby a steady stream of smaller, less involved, one-day events are either initiated by the FGP or otherwise come to our attention for involvement. In the short term, it is preferable that we piggyback on the events of other organizations either via direct involvement or tabling. This will achieve two goals : first, showing that we practice what we preach by involving ourselves in community action, and second, creating more frequent opportunities for us to win new members.

b) Gearing up for a proposed FGP community event at Hurkamp park on or about June 22. Tentatively billed as "Community Organization Day", this event would largely consist of a tabling extravaganza for all interested community groups in the area. We would also have a stage for performers and speakers. John has offered to bring in a sample registration form for interested groups, Canice has ready an initial list of groups to contact, Chris will handle Hurkamp logistics, and Scott will provide a tentative promotion action item list and schedule. The thought is that we somehow attempt to engage the registered groups to help promote the event, mainly by having ready a package of specific promotional items for them to distribute as they see fit.

With these things in mind, here are a few events we may wish to attend:

3) WORLD BANK / IMF PROTESTS 4/20/2002 : At 9:30am on Saturday 4/20, Greens from throughout Northern Virginia will meet up at the Rosslyn Metro stop (going to DC) to join others in protest of World Bank and IMF policies. A separate email will be forthcoming with more details, or visit <http://www.unitedwemarch.org> . Wear your Green Party paraphernalia and BRING A CAMERA! This Sunday afternoon (4/14) Fredericksburg Area residents will be meeting at Natural Mystics (Prince Edward near William) to make signs and banners.

4) SIERRA CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS :

a) Wed. 4/17 Battlefield Sierra group meeting. 7:00-9:15pm in the Free Lance Star meeting room. (540) 775-7856 for details.

b) Sat. 4/20 March For Parks : Fundraiser for Friends of Caledon Natural Area. Participants raise pledges to support park maintenance and environmental education, then engage in a 3.5 mile walk on a scenic trail to the Potomac. Margie (540) 663-3722 for details.

Again, we need a steady stream of these. I can only put up on the website calendar what gets sent in to me.

By the way, don't forget to drop off those VA state GP newsletters wherever you can -- coffeeshops, bookstores, schools, whatever. It shouldn't take long -- I got my 200 out in 2 hours downtown.

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Submitted 4/14/2002 by FGP interim secretary Chris Fink.

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## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 4/21/2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 4/21/2002, 4:00pm in the A/V supply room (!) of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Caroline Branch, with three members in attendance : Chris F., Kadin C., and John C.

Great big apologies to all who showed up at the Hyperion Cafe' instead --- that's where the meeting was supposed to be, and I forgot. I don't even think I put it on the meeting notes last time around. Those of you who met at Hyperion, please fill us slackers in on what was accomplished.

Anyway, here's the poop from CRRL:

1) COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION DAY : John C. came up with a working draft of the organization sign-up form, and we'll try to get a copy passed around for perusal. Chris F. has been in contact with the parks division -- it appears that the June 22 date is still open (as well as many other dates), but we need to find a one-day insurance policy in the amount of half a million bucks. Any ideas?

2) PAMPHLET / BROCHURE : Still no word from folks regarding suggested changes in wording. It's been up on the website for a week. It was agreed at the meeting that suggestions would be accepted for a further week (until 4/28), at which point the current version will be deemed acceptable. Chris F. is also working on a second brochure (containing the Ten Key Values, as well as certain details of our local's structure & goals). This should be ready and up on the site by 4/28, at which point a two-week suggestion period will commence for it. That way, we can have both brochures ready to go by 5/12.

3) COMMUNITY ACTION : In keeping with our self-description as a community service group, it'd be nice for us to join with other like-minded folk in some relevant activity, wouldn't you say? Keep those community calendar items coming! (I've received exactly zero so far)...

The protests in DC this weekend were fun, although I think I missed out on the protest I really wanted to attend -- World Bank/IMF. I think I must have gone to the wrong website for info. Anyway, wish you were there.

That's about it, unless anyone else has anything to say.

-- Submitted 4/22/2002 by Chris Fink,. Interim FGP Secretary.

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## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES : MAY 5, 2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 5/5/2002, 4:00pm at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, and then proceeded to Hurkamp Park for a pre-festival logistics meeting. There were three members in attendance : Chris F., Canice G., and John C.

The only thing on our agenda right now is the following...



THE 2002 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FEST : On June 22nd, 2002, the FGP will host a fun event at Hurkamp Park, inviting community service organizations from the area to set up information booths and exhibits for the general public. Live bands will perform, and each organization will be allowed some time on stage to tell their story and announce upcoming events. This will be a great opportunity for us to gain some exposure, explore the range of public service programs and causes in which we can involve ourselves, build coalitions with other civic-minded groups, and hopefully attract some new members!

We have roughly one month, and I cannot impress upon our members more strongly the need to do something towards this effort EVERY SINGLE DAY. I'm as guilty as anyone of appropriating only one day a week to get my FGP business done, but this has now become a matter of survival. If we can't pull off an event as fun and easy as this, then there's no way we'll be able to plan anything more involved in the future -- this rolling stone has gathered enough moss.

With that said, here's the status :

- 1) THE PARK HAS BEEN RENTED, FOR BOTH 6/22 AND THE RAIN DATE, 6/23. COST: \$100.00 . THIS THING WILL HAPPEN, IF I HAVE TO DO IT MYSELF.
- 2) THIS WEEK, I AM GOING TO CHECK AT TWO OR THREE MORE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO BARGAIN FOR A LOWER RATE. BARRING ANY, WE WILL BE GOING WITH THE \$200.00 OFFER ALREADY RECEIVED.
- 3) THIS WEEK, I WILL BE SUBMITTING A REQUEST TO THE CITY FOR A NOISE ORDINANCE WAIVER, AS REQUIRED BY THE PARKS DIVISION FOR ANY LIVE MUSIC - ORIENTED EVENT.
- 4) THE INVITATIONS, POSTERS, QUARTER-PAGE FLYERS, AND MAPS OF HURKAMP PARK, AND REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ALL COMPLETE, AND COPIES MAY BE OBTAINED AT OUR WEBSITE -- [HTTP://FREDERICKSBURG.VAGREENPARTY.ORG](http://FREDERICKSBURG.VAGREENPARTY.ORG) .
- 5) THIS WEEK, I WILL BE PRINTING AND MAILING INFO PACKETS TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS LISTED ON OUR CONTACTS DATABASE (AT LEAST, THE VERSION I HAVE). THESE PACKETS WILL CONTAIN ALL THE ELEMENTS LISTED ABOVE IN ITEM #4.
- 6) THIS WEEK, I WILL BE E-MAILING THE CURRENT LIST OF INVITED ORGANIZATIONS TO ALL OF YOU IN PREPARATION FOR FOLLOW-UP CALLS.
- 7) THIS WEEK OR NEXT, I WILL BE FINISHING UP OUR BROCHURE AND OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FOR YOUR PERUSAL.

Here's what I need you to do:

- 8) DOWNLOAD THE PROMOTIONAL ITEMS LISTED ABOVE, MAKE COPIES, AND DISTRIBUTE THEM WIDELY. COFFEE SHOPS, BULLETIN BOARDS, SMALL BUSINESSES, COLLEGES, ETC. YOU KNOW THE ROUTINE. STAND ON THE STREET FOR HALF AN HOUR AND SEE HOW MANY QUARTER-PAGE FLYERS YOU CAN GET RID OF. I GUARANTEE YOU'LL BE SURPRISED. I USED TO DO THIS FOR THE NADER CAMPAIGN, AND I COULD UNLOAD A HUNDRED IN A HALF-HOUR WITH MY EYES CLOSED. FIND AN ALREADY-SCHEDULED EVENT AND USE OTHER GROUPS' PROMOTIONAL MUSCLE TO YOUR ADVANTAGE.
- 9) SEARCH THROUGH YOUR LOCAL PAPER OR PHONE BOOK FOR MORE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND EITHER SEND THEM AN INFO PACKET YOURSELF, OR E-MAIL ME THE CONTACT INFO SO I CAN DO IT.

10) BE PREPARED TO TAKE ON A CERTAIN NUMBER OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS AS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOLLOW-UP CALLS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE GET AS MANY ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED AS POSSIBLE, IF ONLY TO TAP INTO THEIR PROMOTIONAL MACHINERY. I KNOW IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR ALL OF US TO SPARE A HALF-HOUR EVERY DAY OR TWO, FROM 9AM TO 5PM, TO MAKE THESE CALLS, BUT THEY ARE CRUCIAL. RADIO? TV? PRINT ADS? THINK BIG, SETTLE FOR WHAT WE CAN GET.

10) Problems? Questions? Things that need to be edited? My contact information is as follows:

HOME: cfphd@earthlink.net (540) 374-1330

WORK: cfink@jrmtech.com (540) 368-8106, ext. 4

Or, we could discuss logistics on the chat listserve.... Just thought I'd throw that in as a little joke.

That's it. I am not known as a particularly motivating individual -- my strengths lie in the structural and organizational details, but I must tell you this : The bottom line is that the Green Party, and in particular our local branch, must prove its relevance, or we must die trying. I know that the City of Fredricksburg has no partisan local elections, but we have representation in the U.S. Congress, the state House of Delegates, and the Presidency. Either everyone is happy with this representation at all levels (in which case we must fight to keep our lucky streak going), or we must examine the cause of the dissatisfaction and provide a clear distinction between ourselves and the status quo. I don't think I need to tell any of our participants that such a distinction exists. To my knowledge, we are the only political party with a written list of our key values, and more importantly the moral fortitude and self-imposed financial independence with which to enforce these values upon our members and endorsees. Many of us jumped aboard this ship because we admired the heroic achievements of one Mr. Ralph Nader, and his energy and determination inspired us to put together the cleanest, most resourceful presidential campaign this country has ever seen. The precepts upon which his platform was built are no less true today than they were two years ago, and in fact are even more obviously relevant to the average American today, given the recent corporate excesses that have -- amazingly -- come to light (Firestone, Enron, and Andersen among the most blatant). Through corporate egotism, weak conflict-of-interest rules, felonious lack of oversight, and downright bribery, the fundamental principles of our democracy -- self-governance and justice for all -- are being dismissed as impediments to a bullish economy (bullish, at least, to those who always have enough tax breaks to avoid paying the bills), and clearly neither the Democrats or Republicans, despite their flag-waving rhetoric, have any intention of fighting this trend. Either we jump in and take this golden opportunity to make an issue our own, or we may as well go back to saving a whale every Earth Day.

Yours,

Chris Fink

Unofficial interim scribe of the Fredericksburg Green Party.

Submitted 5/13/2002.

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## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 5/19/2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 5/19/2002 at 4:00pm in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Fredericksburg Branch, with six members in attendance: Chris F., Kadin C., Canice G., Scott B., John C. and Joanne M.

### 2002 FREDERICKSBURG COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FAIR :

All of you have the info on this already, but if you don't it's all up on the website for your downloading pleasure :

<http://fredericksburg.vagreenparty.org> .

1. The first and second batches of invites have gone out. See the chat listserve for details. PLEASE contact me (cfphd@earthlink.net) to volunteer for another batch of follow-up calls. These calls are crucial !
2. To date, I have not received any new lists of organizations to invite, though at least two of you (Scott and Canice) have let me know you have these lists available. If there are computer issues to deal with, let me know and I can help. Otherwise, you can always snail mail me printed lists ... these work just as well.
3. We have received confirmation of the noise ordinance waiver.
4. At the next meeting, we'll assess the registrations received and talk about whether it's time yet to go full force on the phase 2 promo.

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Submitted 5/25/2002 by Chris Fink, interim FGP Secretary

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## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 6/2/2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 6/2/2002 at 4:00pm in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Fredericksburg Branch, with 5 members in attendance, and one guest: Chris F., Canice G., Scott B., John C., Tiffany N. (Welcome!), and George C.

### 2002 FREDERICKSBURG COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FAIR :

All of you have the info on this already, but if you don't it's all up on the website for your downloading pleasure :

<http://fredericksburg.vagreenparty.org> .

1. The third batch of invites have gone out. See the chat listserve for details. PLEASE contact me (cfphd@earthlink.net) to volunteer for another batch of follow-up calls. These calls are crucial !
2. Keep sending me full contact info for more organizations to invite, especially labor unions, environmental organizations, and civic activist organizations. My email is cfphd@earthlink.net .

3. We are all set with insurance. The total cost of the event so far is around \$300, which I figure splits out to around \$50 each, though I'm not going to hold anyone to such a donation.

4. Phase II starts this Sunday -- go full force on direct public promotion of the event. Posters and flyers can be downloaded from the website.

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Submitted 6/7/2002 by Chris Fink, interim FGP Secretary

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## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 6/16/2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 6/16/2002 at 4:00pm in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Fredericksburg Branch, with 3 members in attendance: Chris F., Canice G., and John C.

### 2002 FREDERICKSBURG COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FAIR :

We talked about the list of things we need to bring to the park this Saturday --

Brochures (CF)

Extension Cord (CF)

PA System (CF)

Banner or Sign (CF and CG)

Pre-packaged Refreshments (CF and ?)

Cooler (CF and ?)

Ice (JC)

Donations Jar (CF)

Sign-up Sheets (CF)

Questionnaire (CF)

Speech (CF)

Tables/Chairs (CF and CG have a few, but the tables are not conveniently portable. Anyone with a decent folding table or folding chairs are encouraged to speak up !)

We're in the home stretch -- we just need everyone to pull together and do as much toward a good turnout as possible.

We decided to meet again Tuesday night, 8pm at Canice Graziano's place for a final run-through of the checklist, and to create for ourselves a nice do-it-yourself banner for our table. Those who can't make it should continue pumping out those posters and flyers. She lives at the following address :

7010 Lombard Lane  
Fredericksburg, VA. 22407  
grazianocanice@hotmail.com  
(540) 786-0355

Directions : Route 3 West (Plank Rd), then left onto Salem Church Rd. Cross Harrison & make a slight jog to the right to get onto Leavells Rd (goes in the same direction as Salem Church Rd. Take a right onto Battlefield Green Dr., then a right onto Lombard Lane.

SEE YOU THERE !!!

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Submitted 6/17/2002 by Chris Fink, interim FGP Secretary

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FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 7/7/2002  
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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 7/7/2002 at 4:00pm in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library on Caroline St. in Fredericksburg, with 2 members in attendance : Chris F. and Canice G.

COME TO OUR INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER AT J'OBRIAN'S ON WEDNESDAY !!!!!

We decided that it would be a good idea to have a voluntary weekly get-together for happy hour at some convenient spot, for the purposes of making friends, meeting new members, and informally discussing local events. No attendance will be taken, no jobs will be assigned, and no official business will occur.

If that's not the easiest, most fun and non-committal way to get to know like-minded people, please let us know, and we'll make it as easy as possible for you.

The first of these weekly get-togethers will occur on Wednesday, July 17, from 6-9pm, at J. O'Brian's Tap Room, on the corner of Hanover and Caroline St. in Downtown Fredericksburg. We can discuss at that point where people might prefer to have it in the future, but until you hear differently, this will be the permanent spot.

Hope to see you there! The next official FGP meeting will still occur Sunday, July 21, 4pm at the library.

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Submitted 7/12/2002 by Chris Fink, Interim FGP Secretary

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FGP MEETING NOTES : 9/1/2002  
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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 9/1/2002, 4pm, in the Cable TV room of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Fredericksburg Branch, with four members in attendance : Chris F., Ann T., Scott B., and John C.

- 1) DUES SUGGESTION TABLED: In order to fund future projects, the idea of charging a monthly tithe of \$5 or 5 hours of project work was presented. Agreement was not reached and the matter has been tabled.
- 2) STATE GP MEETING 9/14/2002 IN FREDERICKSBURG !! : The 2002 September business meeting of the Green Party of Virginia (GPVA) will be hosted by the FGP on Saturday, 9/14 in the main auditorium of the CRRL library. There will be a reception the previous night (6pm-9pm) at Chris Fink's home, 632 Maury Street. All are welcome.
- 3) FGP TO BEGIN CRAFTING PLATFORM : Starting with sprawl and local development issues, the FGP has decided to begin crafting position papers and a platform. Scott & Ann will be typing up an initial draft to send out on the FGPchat@yahoogroups.com listserve. It is mandatory that everyone read this and make

comments/additions by the next meeting. If, at that point, it has become clear that the listserv is non-functional as a means of internal communication, we will automatically go to a weekly in-person session, so everyone is also required to bring a copy of their weekly schedule.

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Minutes presented 9/7/2002 by Chris Fink, FGP interim secretary.

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## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 9/15/2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 9/15/2002 at 4:00pm, in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Fredericksburg Branch, with 5 members and one guest in attendance : Chris F., Joanne M., Scott B., Ann T., and Emmett M.

1) MARY WASHINGTON CAMPUS GREENS : One of the goals for the FGP, as expressed in our report to the GPVA, was the re-instantiation of the Mary Washington Greens, and the collection of enough information and materials to put together a "Campus Greens Kit" which would speed the process of rebirth each time the MWC Greens died out. As it turned out, our guest for this meeting was an MWC student, who took it upon himself to do some research in this area. (Since the meeting, it has come to our attention that the MWC Greens have risen from the ashes on their own accord, being led by Joe Thornhill). Chris F. will continue to pursue this thread to see where it leads.

2) HARRY NIELSEN CANDIDACY : By now you all know of our candidate for U.S. Congress. What you may not know is that having a candidate for office, and thus a campaign to run, is one of the best things that can happen for a local party. It focuses attention, gets the word out, pulls in the donations, and engenders camaraderie. Think of it this way -- how much would we have to pay someone to spend 40 hours a week (at least) running around the district with our flyers in hand? We get him for free, but we have to take advantage of the situation by matching his effort. All FGP members are encouraged to get involved in the campaign to the fullest extent possible. We need volunteers in the areas of phone calling, videography, tabling, internet promotion, and research. We also need MONEY. Sure it's an uphill battle, but Greens are famous for extracting the most bang for the buck or labor hour. Plus, win or lose, we grow the party and make it easier for the next candidate. To find out how you can help, call Harry directly at (804) 214-9083, email him ( [harry@restorechoice.org](mailto:harry@restorechoice.org) ), or visit the website at <http://www.restorechoice.org> . There will be another strategy session at 632 Maury St. F'burg this Saturday (9/28) at 7pm. Hope to see you there.

Wouldn't you agree we need a Green representing us in Congress? How much is that worth to you?

3) POSITION PAPERS : As you know, the FGP is putting together its platform, and we're starting with a position paper on sprawl and development. At the meeting, we decided to start with Scott and Ann's initial draft, and work through it item by item, placing a checkmark next to those items we all agreed with, and saving the rest for further discussion. Attached is the pertinent paper, with this division made clear. The action items for the next meeting are to DISCUSS the unratified items (use [FGPchat@yahooogroups.com](mailto:FGPchat@yahooogroups.com) or the telephone), SUGGEST specific changes to the wording or new items, and RATIFY more of these items at the meeting. Once complete, we will need help comparing our document to the Comprehensive and Consolidated Plans the local governments have in place, in order to identify items which we can propose at civic meetings.

4) STATE GREEN PARTY NEWS : The state meeting, held here in town on the 14th, was very productive. We have two candidates running for Congress, a newsletter we will be publishing, and an active set of locals. All FGP members are encouraged to visit the state site ( <http://www.vagreenparty.org> ) to register their membership and get involved. There are many committee positions open, which could rapidly vault someone with initiative to a high post in the state party (I know from experience).

See you on Sunday, same time, same place... or Saturday for the campaign meeting.

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Submitted 9/24/2002 by Chris Fink, FGP Coordinator

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#### FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 10/6/2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party met 10/6/2002 at 4pm in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Community Library with 5 members in attendance : Chris F., Tiffany N., Joanne M., Scott B., and Ann T.

1) PLATFORM : It was decided that the platform would consist of position papers regarding the following ten general issues, with special emphasis on the relationships among these issues:

- a) Urban Sprawl & Development
- b) Education
- c) Taxes
- d) Environment
- e) Campaign Funding / Election Reform
- f) Transportation
- g) Resource Management
- h) Crime (white and blue-collar)
- i) Local Economy & Standards of Living, Homeless Shelters, Living Wage
- j) Civil and Labor Rights

2) PROJECTS : It was decided that the following list of possible projects would be maintained and added to in the future, and that we should begin planning for these in the following order (NOTE: AS OF 10/19/2002 THIS DIRECTIVE HAS BEEN CHANGED. WE WILL NOT BE PLANNING ANY PUBLIC PROJECTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SEE THE NOTES OF THE 10/20/2002 MEETING FOR DETAILS):

- a) Clean Fredericksburg
- b) Support Regional Public Transit
- c) Get Urban Sprawl Suggestions into Comp Plan
- d) "Buy Local" Campaign
- e) Investigate and Promote Recycling

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Submitted 10/21/2002 by Christopher Fink, FGP Coordinator

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## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 10/20/2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party met 10/20/2002 at 4pm in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Community Library with 3 members in attendance : Chris F., Scott B., and Ann T.

1) OFFICER RECALL AND CHANGE OF STRATEGY : After a string of setbacks and wounds to our reputation, all officer positions within the Fredericksburg Green Party have been recalled (except for that of coordinator, who by the way will be more than happy to step down if the membership desires, and a suitable replacement steps forward). Officer positions will eventually be reinstated after we have ratified a set of by-laws (see below). We will NOT be attempting any more public events for a while. We will still meet at our regular time and place (1st and 3rd Sundays of every month in meeting room #2 of the downtown F'burg library), but we will be taking a vastly different tack. It has become clear that we are attempting to grow too rapidly, via public events which we haven't the resources to adequately pull off. We are supposed to give the community a voice in local politics, but we haven't been learning how local politics works, and we haven't been coordinating effectively with the community. The new strategy is therefore geared toward slow, steady progress, by recruitment on a one-to-one basis, ACTIVE involvement in community matters, and identification of well-defined, specific, and attainable goals which we address one at a time. The outline is as follows (we will be working on all of these simultaneously):

a) VOLUNTEERISM : We have a database of 75 local social service organizations. I will be posting this via the email listserves, and all FGP members will be encouraged to choose one of them to personally volunteer their time for, and a minimum of five for which they will simply act as contacts and keep track of their upcoming activities. The direct volunteerism will show our dedication to the community, and the information we receive from the other organizations will provide the membership as a whole a calendar of events, at which we can either show up as a group, do some tabling, or volunteer our efforts. The website calendar will be expanded for this purpose.

b) INTERNAL AFFAIRS : There is still some unfinished business in this area, namely a set of BY-LAWS, a strategy to ensure a steady FUNDING scheme, and our PLATFORM. I will provide (also by email on the chat listserve) a copy of the by-laws my former group in Tallahassee worked out. We will use this as a template and adapt it to our needs via consensus. We have a dues/worktime scheme that is still on the table for further discussion, as I recall, and I propose to bring it up again for consideration. Our platform will be discussed below.

c) POLITICAL PRESENCE : All FGP members will be encouraged to attend the regular meetings of their local government, take notes on the issues, learn about the process and the players, and report to the group any items which may form the basis for group action.

This new strategy is not complicated or difficult to remember. Three short phrases sum it up, and I deliberately ordered them such that their initial letters form an acronym -- "VIP". Learn it, love it, live it.

2) PLATFORM : The point of a platform is not only to define our party, but to identify specific policy initiatives which we can bring to our local government for consideration, either as citizens or as candidates. Scott and Ann have provided us with initial platform ideas for the following categories : Education, Standard of Living, Environment, Election Reform, and Civil/Labor Rights. As there was deemed to be no quorum for decision-making on the new items, and as there should be time for members to add items, the decision was made to e-mail the initial item ideas to the membership via the chat listserve, and begin the ratification process at the next meeting. The procedure is as follows: additions and deletions are to be emailed to the coordinator (cfphd@earthlink.net) by the next meeting date or brought to the next meeting. Changes to a proposed item should instead be phrased as a deletion of the item followed by an addition of a revised item. At the next meeting, we will go through each item and assess consensus. There will be no quorum count, as you have all been notified by this message. If an item meets with approval by all who voice an opinion (emails included), it



will be added to our platform. If not, the item will need to wait until all items have been assessed, at which point any individual member may bring the item up again for consideration.

3) A SPECIAL MESSAGE ON COMMUNICATION : It is vital to our progress that we communicate. It is a reality that email is our most efficient means of doing so, as there is not time enough for me to call every member for his/her opinion, nor are we breaking any records for meeting attendance. I have designed the new operational strategy in such a way that, except for internal affairs, the main duties of the membership can be as individual and UNcoordinated as they (most likely) will turn out to be. HOWEVER, all members should make sure they are SUBSCRIBED to our listserves, that their email inboxes WORK and are CLEARED OUT on a regular basis, and that the emails within are READ and RESPONDED to. I am more than willing to unsubscribe any member who wishes it. The new strategy has also been designed to tax to the least extent my obviously limited power to motivate others. I rely on your ability to assess the need for an alternative voice in local and national politics, and your self-motivation to make the Fredericksburg Green Party a note in that song.

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Submitted 10/21/2002 by Christopher Fink, FGP Coordinator

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#### FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 11/3/2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 11/3/2002 at 4pm in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Community Library with 4 members in attendance : Chris F., Tiffany N., Scott B., and Ann T.

1) VOLUNTEERISM: A reminder goes out to all that each member is encouraged to seek out and volunteer time to one external social service group, and identify five others for whom he/she will act as contact, submitting upcoming public events to the FGP for our community calendar.

#### 2) INTERNAL AFFAIRS:

a. BYLAWS: Copies of the Tallahassee Green Party by-laws have been distributed. Please review and suggest adaptations for our purposes.

b. PLATFORM: The items listed below regarding election reform have been ratified. Next meeting's topic is EDUCATION. Currently submitted items can also be found below. Members are encouraged to submit additional specific, written items at or before the next meeting.

#### 3) POLITICAL PRESENCE:

a. GOVERNMENT "MAPS" : We have a thumbnail guide to Fredericksburg government; we still need one for Stafford and Spotsylvania counties. Members who reside there are encouraged to compile and submit a guide.

b. CITY/COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS : The Fredericksburg City Council will meet 11/12/2002 at City Hall (715 Princess Anne) at 7:30 pm.

#### 4) REPEAT MESSAGE ON COMMUNICATION :

a. SUBSCRIBE to our listserves (visit our website for directions).

- b. MANAGE your inboxes and ensure that they work properly.
- c. READ and RESPOND to our emails in a timely manner.

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Submitted 11/11/2002 by Christopher Fink, FGP Coordinator

**FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY PLATFORM : ELECTIONS REFORM  
STATUS : RATIFIED**

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1. Political contributions not used in a campaign shall go to that public campaign fund which is relevant to the level of office, and be subject to an independent audit.
2. No corporate contributions shall be permitted.
3. Except for the two at-large seats every state receives, representation to the electoral college shall be by congressional district.
4. Citizens of the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories shall be given proportional representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.
5. There shall be no party affiliation requirement in order to vote.
6. Felons still serving their sentence shall not be allowed the right to vote.
7. Illegal aliens and non-citizens shall not be allowed the right to vote.
8. Candidates must maintain personal financial records going back two terms of the relevant office, and make them fully available for public scrutiny.
9. Organized parties must choose their candidates internally -- no open primaries.
10. The only requirements needed for voting status are citizenship, non-felon status, and age (18 years).
11. Lying on voter registration forms shall be regarded as perjury, and ballots cast by these perjurers shall be discarded.
12. Unclear ballots or ballots containing more than one vote per office shall be discarded.
13. All ballots must contain a write-in blank for each office.
14. Write-in candidates shall register with the appropriate elections board prior to the latest poll closing time in the area to be represented, but there shall be no fees assessed.

**FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY PLATFORM : EDUCATION  
STATUS : As submitted by Scott Brooks & Ann Tipton. NOT YET RATIFIED**

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1. More open discussions should take place between school officials and the community.
  2. More funding should be made available for testing, but the Reassessment Standards test is too difficult and is not adjusted for grade level.
  3. Teacher pay should be raised at least to the state mean.
  4. More consideration should be given to teacher experience in assessing proper pay rate.
  5. Adequate transportation should be provided for all students.
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## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 11/17/2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 11/17/2002 at 4pm in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Community Library with 3 members in attendance : Chris F., Tiffany N., and one new member. (I'm having trouble finding the written notes).

1) VOLUNTEERISM: A reminder goes out to all that each member is encouraged to seek out and volunteer time to one external social service group, and identify five others for whom he/she will act as contact, submitting upcoming public events to the FGP for our community calendar. Chris F. has begun posting these items on our website.

### 2) INTERNAL AFFAIRS:

a. BYLAWS: Copies of the Tallahassee Green Party by-laws have been distributed. Please review and suggest adaptations for our purposes.

b. PLATFORM: Education reform items have been ratified. A full account of these will be provided once I find the original notes. Next meeting's topic is CIVIL RIGHTS. Currently submitted items can also be found below. Members are encouraged to submit additional specific, written items at or before the next meeting.

### 3) POLITICAL PRESENCE:

a. GOVERNMENT "MAPS" : We have a thumbnail guide to Fredericksburg government; we still need one for Stafford and Spotsylvania counties. Tiffany N. has volunteered to tackle the Spotsylvania area. Members who reside in Stafford are encouraged to compile and submit a guide.

b. CITY/COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS : The Fredericksburg City Council will meet 12/9/2002 at City Hall (715 Princess Anne) at 7:30 pm.

### 4) REPEAT MESSAGE ON COMMUNICATION :

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Submitted 11/29/2002 by Christopher Fink, FGP Coordinator

## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY PLATFORM : CIVIL AND LABOR RIGHTS

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As submitted by Scott Brooks & Ann Tipton. NOT YET RATIFIED :

1. Prison inmates shall be put to work for the state if physically able.

As submitted by Chris Fink from the GPVA and GPUS platforms. NOT YET RATIFIED:

2. We recognize an intimate connection between our RIGHTS as individuals and our RESPONSIBILITIES to our neighbors and the planet. The balance between rights and responsibilities is found as we provide for the maximum participation of everyone in the decisions affecting our well-being, our economic security, our social and international policies.
3. We support a guarantee of adequate education, health care, housing, nutrition, and safety for all children.
4. We support the adoption of an amendment to the United States Constitution guaranteeing equal rights to women.
5. We oppose the criminalization of private sexual acts of consenting adults.
6. We support adequate funding so that physically and mentally challenged citizens can pursue their education and training and reach their highest potential, ideally enabling them to live independently. We should provide residential settings within the community for those who do not need institutional care but who are unable to live independently.
7. We support homelessness prevention programs which allow families to receive temporary assistance before they become homeless.
8. We support community-based services for the homeless and oppose all laws that criminalize homelessness.
9. We support extending the full civil rights afforded to ethnic/religious minorities and women to include gays and lesbians.
10. We support the rights of gays and lesbians to marry, adopt, and receive equal treatment under the law in child custody cases.
11. We support seeking a reversal to the Supreme Court decision that gave corporations the status of persons, thereby permitting the owners and officers to avoid personal responsibility for their acts and allowing corporations to be shielded by the Bill of Rights.
12. We oppose the current shift from public to corporate funding of schools.
13. We support adequate funding for public libraries.
14. We call for an end to official support for any remaining badges and indicia of slavery, and specifically call for the immediate removal of the Confederate battle flag from any and all government buildings.
15. We support efforts to overcome the aftereffects of over 200 years of discrimination and, hence, support affirmative action.
16. We recognize that people of color have legitimate claims in this country to reparations in the form of monetary compensation for these centuries of discrimination.
17. We affirm the right to worship or not to worship as each one chooses.
18. We call for effective monitoring of police agencies to eliminate police brutality and racial profiling.
19. We support effective enforcement of the "VOTING RIGHTS ACT", including language access to voting.
20. We will resist discriminatory English-only pressure groups. We call for a national language policy that would encourage all citizens to be fluent in at least two languages.
21. We strongly support the vigorous enforcement of CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS, the aggressive prosecution of hate crimes, and the strengthening of legal services for the poor.
22. We support the full enforcement of the "Americans with Disabilities Act" to enable all people with disabilities to achieve independence and function at the highest possible level.
23. We support the EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT. WOMEN'S RIGHTS must be protected and expanded to guarantee each woman's right to be a full participant in society, free from sexual harassment, job discrimination or interference in the intensely personal choice about whether to have a child.
14. The EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION (EEOC) should actively investigate and prosecute sexual harassment complaints.

15. Consumers have the right to adequate enforcement of the federal and state CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS.
16. We support the creation of CONSUMER ADVOCACY AGENCIES (for example, along the model of the Illinois Citizen Utility Board) to protect the interests of consumers.
17. We would require that legal monopolies and regulated industries (for example, electric, gas, water, and telephone utilities) set-up statewide CONSUMER ACTION GROUPS to act on behalf of and advocate for consumer interests.
18. We call for consumer legislation to outlaw the use of animals in cosmetics and household product testing; in tobacco and alcohol testing; and in weapons development or other military programs.
19. We endorse “truth in advertising,” including the clear definition of words like “recycled” and “natural”, in order to better inform consumers about the products they are buying; and where and how they are made.
20. We call for the restoration of consumers’ rights to file class action suits against manufacturers of unsafe products.
21. We call for restrictions on corporate secrecy agreements that act to prevent lawsuits by not revealing damaging information.
22. We support “whistleblower rights” laws.
23. We oppose recently proposed bills that encroach on civil liberties, such as the Crime Bill of ’96 and the Terrorist Bill of ’97, as well as the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which circumvents the 4th Amendment and opens the door for CIA to spy domestically on U.S. citizens.
24. We support openness in government, not secrecy, and endorse the “FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT” (FOIA) as a way of guaranteeing access to government decision-making.
25. The FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) must promulgate telecommunications policies that ensure the First Amendment rights of viewers and listeners. The “affordable access” and “universal access” provisions of the “Telecommunications Act of 1996” should be interpreted by the FCC for what they are – a clear mandate for the telecommunications industry to make advanced communications systems equitably available to all American schools and libraries.
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29. The federal government must respect land, water and mineral rights within the borders of reservations and traditional lands.
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FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 12/15/2002

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 12/15/2002, 4pm in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, with one member in attendance : Chris F.

- A) PLATFORM : The platform items listed below under CIVIL AND LABOR RIGHTS were unanimously agreed upon. Next meeting's topic will be TRANSPORTATION. Gather your thoughts in writing and be specific. Submissions will be accepted via email (use the chat listserv or submit to cfphd@earthlink.net) up to 3:45pm 1/5/2003, or bring them to the meeting.
- B) INTERNAL : We have a bank account now. Donations are welcome! Still waiting on John Curtis to get with the IRS on transfer of management.
- C) BY-LAWS : Have not heard from anyone regarding these. We will plan the ratification process at the next meeting.
- D) POLITICAL PRESENCE : We may need some other volunteers to take care of putting together the local government maps for Stafford and Spotsylvania. Contact me if you are interested. It's an important job -- if we don't know how our government works, how are we going to submit our proposals, or answer the public's questions? Thanks!

Hope to see you there on January 5th!

Submitted 12/22/02 by Christopher Fink, FGP Coordinator

FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY PLATFORM : CIVIL AND LABOR RIGHTS -- RATIFIED

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40. We support the right to strike without being "permanently replaced."
41. We support employee stock ownership plans (ESOP's) with functioning, democratic structures; and cooperative ownership and management.



The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 1/5/2003, 4pm in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, with one member in attendance : Chris F.

A) PLATFORM : The platform items listed below under TRANSPORTATION were unanimously agreed upon. Next meeting's topic will be CRIME (white and blue-collar). Gather your thoughts in writing and be specific. Submissions will be accepted via email (use the chat listserve or submit to cfphd@earthlink.net) up to 3:45pm 1/19/2003, or bring them to the meeting.

B) INTERNAL : We have a bank account now. Donations are welcome! Still waiting on John Curtis to get with the IRS on transfer of management.

C) BY-LAWS : Chris F. will undertake the process of tailoring the old TGP by-laws to fit the FGP, and will post on the website for discussion. The discussion/comment period will end 2/2/2003, at which meeting the entire set of by-laws will be voted up or down by majority vote.

D) POLITICAL PRESENCE : We may need some other volunteers to take care of putting together the local government maps for Stafford and Spotsylvania. Contact me if you are interested. It's an important job -- if we don't know how our government works, how are we going to submit our proposals, or answer the public's questions? Thanks!

Hope to see you there on January 19th!

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Submitted 1/8/03 by Christopher Fink, FGP Coordinator

#### FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY PLATFORM : TRANSPORTATION -- RATIFIED

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1. We support the expanded use of rail for transportation, recognizing that it is less polluting and more energy efficient than automobile and air transportation.
  2. We support development of zero-emission motor vehicles, and requirements that an increasing percentage of the Federal motor fleet be converted to natural gas and aims at being pollution free over the next decade.
  3. We support requiring all non-automobile funds from the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Act (ISTEA) to be used for non-automobile modes of transportation, instead of highway beautification.
  4. We call for a gradual phase-out of gasoline and other fossil fuels. Until gasoline driven cars can be replaced, we advocate raising FUEL EFFICIENCY standards to a minimum of 45 miles per gallon by 2005, instituting a "gas guzzler" tax on new low mileage vehicles, and a "gas sipper" rebate on high mileage vehicles.
  5. We encourage providing a broad range of incentives for ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION, including natural gas vehicles, solar and electric vehicles, bicycles and bikeways, and MASS TRANSIT.
  6. We support efforts to develop inexpensive, efficient solar cells, chips and panels via "industrial grade" silicon and other advanced materials. We are especially interested in public/private partnerships that work to create breakthrough battery technology which would enable electric cars (and all solar electric applications) to become energy efficient and market competitive.
  7. Greens enthusiastically endorse the Metropolitics movement, which seeks to control sprawl by integrating such measures as urban growth boundaries, tax base sharing, fair housing, and metropolitan transportation. Urban areas can be revitalized through "brownfields" redevelopment, although standards for the clean up of contaminated sites must not be lowered.
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## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 1/19/2003

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 1/19/2003, 4pm in meeting room #2 of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, with one member in attendance : Chris F. (Where is everyone?)

Because we will have many new faces in attendance at our next meeting, I'll re-post the FGP priorities here, as taken from the 10/20/2002 minutes:

"The new strategy [is] geared toward slow, steady progress, by recruitment on a one-to-one basis, ACTIVE involvement in community matters, and identification of well-defined, specific, and attainable goals which we address one at a time. The outline is as follows (we will be working on all of these simultaneously):

a) VOLUNTEERISM : We have a database of 75 local social service organizations. I [have posted] this via the email listserves, and all FGP members will be encouraged to choose one of them to personally volunteer their time for, and a minimum of five for which they will simply act as contacts and keep track of their upcoming activities. The direct volunteerism will show our dedication to the community, and the information we receive from the other organizations will provide the membership as a whole a calendar of events, at which we can either show up as a group, do some tabling, or volunteer our efforts. The website calendar will be expanded for this purpose.

b) INTERNAL AFFAIRS : There is still some unfinished business in this area, namely a set of BY-LAWS, a strategy to ensure a steady FUNDING scheme, and our PLATFORM. I [have provided] (also by email on the chat listserve) a copy of the by-laws my former group in Tallahassee worked out. We will use this as a template and adapt it to our needs via consensus. We have a dues/worktime scheme that is still on the table for further discussion, as I recall, and I propose to bring it up again for consideration.

c) POLITICAL PRESENCE : All FGP members will be encouraged to attend the regular meetings of their local government, take notes on the issues, learn about the process and the players, and report to the group any items which may form the basis for group action.

This new strategy is not complicated or difficult to remember. Three short phrases sum it up, and I deliberately ordered them such that their initial letters form an acronym -- "VIP". Learn it, love it, live it."

That said, here are the 1/19/2003 minutes:

A) PLATFORM : The platform items listed below under CRIME were unanimously agreed upon (no big feat). Next meeting's topic will be CIVIL AND LABOR RIGHTS. Gather your thoughts in writing and be specific. Submissions will be accepted via email (use the chat listserve or submit to [cfphd@earthlink.net](mailto:cfphd@earthlink.net)) up to 3:45pm 2/2/2003, or bring them to the meeting.

B) INTERNAL : We have a bank account -- donations are welcome! Our IRS EIN# is now in my name (Chris Fink).

C) BY-LAWS : Chris F. will undertake the process of tailoring the old TGP by-laws to fit the FGP, and will post on the website for discussion no later than 2/2/2003. The discussion/comment period will be extended to 3/2/2003, at which meeting the entire set of by-laws will be voted up or down by majority vote.

D) POLITICAL PRESENCE : We will need some volunteers to take care of putting together the local government maps for Stafford and Spotsylvania. Contact me if you are interested (cfphd@earthlink.net). It's an important job -- if we don't know how our government works, how are we going to submit our proposals, or answer the public's questions? Thanks!

Hope to see you there on February 2nd!

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Submitted 1/21/03 by Christopher Fink, FGP Coordinator

FGP PLATFORM : CRIME  
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1. We support community-based services for the homeless and oppose all laws that criminalize homelessness.
2. We oppose the criminalization of private sexual acts of consenting adults.
3. We support seeking a reversal to the Supreme Court decision that gave corporations the status of persons, thereby permitting the owners and officers to avoid personal responsibility for their acts and allowing corporations to be shielded by the Bill of Rights.
4. We support crime prevention programs such as after-school recreation and youth employment initiatives.
5. We support "offender restitution" and "restorative justice" programs.
6. We support fully-informed juries that are instructed in their constitutional right to judge the law as well as the case in question.
7. We support judicial discretion in setting sentences for those convicted of crime.
8. We support measures requiring gun owners to be qualified to use firearms safely and held strictly accountable for any illegal use of the firearm.
9. We oppose the "21-day rule" that prevents defendants from introducing new evidence more than 21 days after their original trials.
10. We oppose the death penalty. Dangerous criminals should not be released as long as they pose a threat to society.
11. We support the teaching and implementation of conflict resolution skills and techniques in all schools.
12. We support prevention programs to deter hate crimes and domestic violence.
13. We support U.S. compliance with international law.
14. We seek to eliminate all laws which restrict or censor artistic expression, including those which withhold government funds on the basis of political or moral content.
15. A plan to revitalize our economy must be a central element of any overall plan to reduce crime. Fear of violent crime is growing and it is our belief that the fear of crime itself, and the breaking of the bonds of community, must be addressed in the same way politicians today propose putting more firepower on the streets, threatening criminals with harsher sentences, or building more prisons.
16. The Green Party opposes privatizing of prisons.
17. We would initiate social programs that are alternatives to gangs, such as "Gang Intervention Units."
18. While toughening penalties for violent crimes, it is inappropriate to have a de facto policy of leniency to "WHITE COLLAR CRIME." We believe broad corporate crime legislation should be enacted and enforced. Convicted corporations should be stripped of their charters. Jail time and fines should be imposed on convicted officers, commensurate with an assessment of the lasting effect of their crimes.
19. We recommend establishing effective, independent CIVILIAN REVIEW of complaints of police misconduct.
20. We support the 'Brady Bill' and thoughtful, carefully considered GUN CONTROL.
21. We endorse EDUCATION and JOB TRAINING while in prison.
22. We support innovative approaches to rehabilitation, and transitioning of non-violent criminals back into their communities. We support alternative sentencing for non-violent crimes (i.e. community service).

23. We support JUDICIAL REFORM that opens up the court system, makes it affordable and convenient to ordinary citizens, and provides for more efficient administration of justice.
  24. We call for a consistent policy of protection against VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS, but one which does not restrict students' right to free expression or violate their rights of privacy.
  25. We endorse federal funding for RAPE CRISIS CENTERS and DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS. We call for rape and domestic violence prevention and education programs.
  26. VICTIMS' RIGHTS must be guarded and protected. Victim-impact statements are appropriate vehicles for achieving full justice, and restitution should be considered in many cases to ensure victims will not be lost in the complexities of criminal justice.
  27. We support decriminalization of "VICTIMLESS" CRIMES, for example, the possession of small amounts of marijuana.
  28. We call for legalization of industrial hemp and all its many uses.
  29. We believe mandatory drug testing violates civil rights; therefore, we oppose mandatory testing.
  30. Consumers have the right to adequate enforcement of the federal and state CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS.
  31. We affirm the right to openly embrace SEXUAL ORIENTATION in the intimate choice of who we love.
  32. The EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION (EEOC) should actively investigate and prosecute sexual harassment complaints.
  33. We call for the restoration of consumers' rights to file class actions suits against manufacturers of unsafe products and restrictions on secrecy agreements that act to prevent lawsuits by not revealing damaging information.
  34. We support "whistleblower rights" laws.
  35. Recently proposed bills that encroach on civil liberties, such as the Crime Bill of '96, the Terrorist Bill of '97, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, and the Patriot Act, are fundamentally in violation of the U.S. Constitution, and shall be subject to review, modification, and repeal.
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#### FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 2/2/2003

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 2/2/2003, 4pm in the A/V room of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, with one member in attendance : Chris F. (Where is everyone?)

A) PLATFORM : The platform items listed below under CIVIL AND LABOR RIGHTS were unanimously agreed upon (no big feat). Next meeting's topic will be THE ENVIRONMENT. Gather your thoughts in writing and be specific. Submissions will be accepted via email (use the chat listserve or submit to cfphd@earthlink.net) up to 3:45pm 2/16/2003, or bring them to the meeting.

B) BY-LAWS : The discussion/comment period has been extended to 3/2/2003, at which meeting the entire set of by-laws will be voted up or down by majority vote.

C) POLITICAL PRESENCE : We will need some volunteers to take care of putting together the local government maps for Stafford and Spotsylvania. Contact me if you are interested (cfphd@earthlink.net). It's an important job -- if we don't know how our government works, how are we going to submit our proposals, or answer the public's questions? Thanks!

D) There will be an anti-war rally Thursday, Feb. 13th at 7pm, at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library.

Hope to see you there on February 16th!

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Submitted 2/9/03 by Christopher Fink, FGP Coordinator

## FGP PLATFORM

### CIVIL AND LABOR RIGHTS --RATIFIED 2/2/2003

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1. We support a guarantee of adequate education, health care, housing, nutrition, and safety for all children.
2. We support the adoption of an amendment to the United States Constitution guaranteeing equal rights to women.
3. We oppose the criminalization of private sexual acts of consenting adults.
4. We support the full enforcement of the "Americans with Disabilities Act" to enable all people with disabilities to achieve independence and function at the highest possible level.
5. We support community-based services for the homeless and oppose all laws that criminalize homelessness.
6. We support extending the full civil rights afforded to ethnic/religious minorities and women to include gays and lesbians.
7. We support the rights of gays and lesbians to marry, adopt, and receive equal treatment under the law in child custody cases.
8. We support seeking a reversal to the Supreme Court decision that gave corporations the status of persons, thereby permitting the owners and officers to avoid personal responsibility for their acts and allowing corporations to be shielded by the Bill of Rights.
9. We support legislation to strengthen collective bargaining, the right of all workers to organize with democratically elected leadership, and the right to negotiate binding contracts with their employers.
10. We support worker control over pension assets.
11. We support vigorous enforcement of child labor laws.
12. We support extending to migrant labor the protections covering other workers.
13. We support extending to contingent workers ( i.e., temporary, leased, and contract workers) and workers receiving welfare the protections covering other workers.
14. We support the strict enforcement of mine safety regulations.
15. We support a fair MINIMUM WAGE, adjusted regularly for inflation.
16. We support the right to strike without being "permanently replaced."
17. We affirm the right to worship or not to worship as each one chooses.
18. We support affirmative action to remedy discrimination, to protect constitutional rights and to provide equal opportunity under the law.
19. We support effective enforcement of the "VOTING RIGHTS ACT," including language access to voting.
20. We strongly support the strengthening of legal services for the poor.
21. Consumers have the right to adequate enforcement of the federal and state CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS.
22. We support the creation of CONSUMER ADVOCACY AGENCIES (for example, along the model of the Illinois Citizen Utility Board) to protect the interests of consumers against the corporate lobbyists who have essentially (and too often successfully) argued against the rights of consumers before the regulatory agencies. We would require that legal monopolies and regulated industries (for example, electric, gas, water, and telephone utilities) set-up statewide CONSUMER ACTION GROUPS to act on behalf of and advocate for consumer interests.
23. We call for reforms to better inform consumers about the products they are buying; and where and how they are made.
24. We call for the restoration of consumers' rights to file class actions suits against manufacturers of unsafe products and restrictions on secrecy agreements that act to prevent lawsuits by not revealing damaging information.
25. We support "whistleblower rights" laws.

26. We support a citizen's right of access to justice. Our system of justice must be made convenient to rich and poor alike, guarding it against big business attempts to regulate and, in effect, control our civil justice/civil jury system.
27. Recently proposed bills that encroach on civil liberties, such as the Crime Bill of '96, the Terrorist Bill of '97, the Patriot Act, and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which circumvents the 4th Amendment and opens the door for CIA to spy domestically on U.S. citizens, are of special concern to the Green Party. The Bill of Rights must remain a fundamental touchstone in defense of our civil rights.
28. Our legal right to criticize government is essential to the effective working of democracy.
29. We support openness in government, not secrecy, and endorse the "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT" (FOIA) as a way of guaranteeing access to government decision-making.
30. The FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) must promulgate telecommunications policies that ensure the First Amendment rights of viewers and listeners. New and existing technologies must provide outlets for scientific and cultural expression and enhance the electoral process, and the FCC should closely monitor applications for license renewals to the public airwaves to ensure that public interest criteria are met.
31. The Green Party supports "community radio," particularly those rulemaking petitions before the F.C.C. which allow for a new service of small, locally-owned FM stations.
32. We oppose censorship in the arts, media (including the World Wide Web and Internet), and press. We encourage individual and social responsibility by artists, creative media, writers – and all citizens.
33. We recognize both the SOVEREIGNTY of Native American tribal governments and the government's trust obligation to Native American people.
34. The federal government must affirm the RELIGIOUS RIGHTS of Native Americans in ceremonies ("American Indian Religious Freedom Act"); provide funds for innovative economic development initiatives, EDUCATION and public HEALTH PROGRAMS; and respect land, water and mineral rights within the borders of reservations and traditional lands.
35. Preferential quotas based on race, class, and ideology should be abandoned for immigration policies that promote fairness, NON-DISCRIMINATION and family reunification.
36. We support immigration policies that reflect our constitutional guarantees of freedoms of speech, association and travel. We find particular attention should be given those minorities who are political exiles and refugees.

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#### FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 2/16/2003

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The meeting of the Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) for Feb. 16, 2003 was cancelled due to snow. The intended meeting was to have taken place at 4pm in meeting room #2 of the downtown Fredericksburg branch of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, but this library was closed after 3pm that day. The next meeting is at the same location, same time, on March 2nd, 2003.

Submitted 3/2/2003 Christopher Fink, FGP Coordinator

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#### FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 7/6/2003

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 7/6/2003 at 4pm in meeting room #2 of the downtown Fredericksburg branch of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library. In attendance were two regular members (Chris F. and Ann T.), one new member (Liz E. -- Welcome!), and one interested party.

1. THE PANTRY SHELF PROJECT has been suspended. Certain information has come to light which casts doubt on the wisdom of making this particular association. 'Nuff said.
2. THE CAROLINE STREET RECYCLING PROJECT is in full swing, however. Chris Fink will take the initial steps (talking to the city public works manager, printing up a flyer to sell the idea to the businesses along Caroline, etc.), and identifying what needs to be done by the body in terms of legwork.
3. COUNTY GOVERNMENT BROCHURES are still needed for Stafford and Spotsylvania county. These would outline briefly the government structure, when the meetings take place, and how individual proposals are brought through to a vote. Any volunteers?
4. FGP PLATFORM ISSUES still need to be addressed. We've covered Civil and Labor Rights, Crime, Transportation, Education, Election Reform, and Urban Sprawl. The last scheduled (but unfinished) topic we agreed to tackle was THE ENVIRONMENT. Please collect your thoughts on this topic in short, specific terms, and either submit your proposed items to the coordinator at [cfphd@earthlink.net](mailto:cfphd@earthlink.net), or bring them to the next meeting. At the next meeting, we will go through each one and determine its suitability for inclusion, by consensus. The remaining topics, Taxes, Resource Management, and Local Economy (Standards of Living, Homeless Shelters, Living Wage) will be addressed in subsequent meetings, and the entire platform collated and released at that point.
5. BIKE LANES would be great, wouldn't they? Liz floated a proposal to get the city/county governments to require bike lanes on every new road built. Any takers to head up this project?
6. GOAT CHEESE, ANYONE? Apparently the state wants to pass a law banning the sale of home-produced goat milk products, thus allowing only corporate entities to compete in this market. Liz suggested a letter-writing campaign to get this bill shelved or at least vetoed, and will be providing more information on our chat listserv. Stay tuned!

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Submitted 7/14/2003 Christopher Fink, FGP Coordinator

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#### FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 11/21/2004

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 11/21/2004 at 4pm in meeting room #2 of the downtown Fredericksburg branch of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library. In attendance were two regular members (Chris F. and Paul R.), and one new member (James B. -- Welcome!).

1. COUNTY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION has been collected for Spotsylvania, akin to what was collected for Fredericksburg, and which will make a nice brochure (someday!).

ACTION ITEM(s) : Anyone want to collect this same sort of info for Stafford, or other counties in our area? We're looking for governmental structure, committees, public meeting structure, and means of getting proposals heard.

2. INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING was further discussed, as a good project to get involved with, as the time seems to be ripe. Both major parties should back this, as it helps them offset the "spoiler" effect.

ACTION ITEM(s) : Chris F. will contact Delegate W. Barlow regarding his attempt to get IRV passed. We're also still looking for examples of cities/counties which have recently had to go to a runoff election.

3. An ADVERTISING DRIVE was suggested as a means of quickly boosting membership.

ACTION ITEM(s) : Chris F. will be looking at ad rates in the Free Lance-Star, and at short radio spots. James B. will look at rates in his area. Any takers for investigating how to get a show aired on public access cable?

4. GPVA REPRESENTATION : Recently, the GPVA passed a bylaws amendment requiring locals to formally select up to two representatives to future GPVA meetings, if they wanted voting rights. At this 11/21 FGP meeting, Chris F. and Paul R. were formally authorized by the FGP membership.

5. COMMUNITY CALENDARS are still a great way to promote the meetings, and haven't been followed up on in quite a while.

ACTION ITEM(s) : Paul R. has volunteered to address this issue (with the Free Lance-Star, Front Porch, and other outlets), and Chris F. will forward him the blurbs last submitted to these calendars.

6. DUES PROPOSAL : It was generally agreed that some sort of dues scale should be adopted for the FGP local in order to raise sustaining funds, possibly with a clause which allows the substitution of a certain work quota.

ACTION ITEM(s) : Chris has volunteered to put together a formal suggestion for consideration at the next meeting.

7. CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT : We have had, in the past, some small degree of success in bringing Mary Washington and Germanna students into the fold, and Paul has brought up the valid suggestion that it is the perfect time to try this again. In the case of MWC, there have been short-lived Campus Green associations, but some degree of suspicion on their part that the state party (or the FGP) would attempt to control their actions, a sentiment we should be careful to respect.

ACTION ITEM(s) : Paul has offered to prepare posters/flyers for distribution at Germanna, and work with Chris to identify one or two simple events or projects which we could have ready for the students who show up. Both environmental events and a "movie night" have been suggested. If requested, Chris will forward updated copies of some of the promotional materials used in the past, though some are available on the FGP website already.

So, we have quite a few action items, but that's OK --- our next meeting will be Sunday, December 5th, so we have some time!

Happy Thanksgiving !

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Submitted 11/24/2004 Christopher Fink, FGP Coordinator

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## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 12/05/2004

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 12/05/2004 at 4pm in meeting room #2 of the downtown Fredericksburg branch of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library. In attendance were three regular members (Chris F., Paul R., and James B.), and one new member (Ed K. -- Welcome!).

### 1. COUNTY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

ACTION ITEM(s) : James has volunteered to collect this info for Stafford. Both Paul and James have submitted more info for certain cities/counties, which Chris will use to update the respective profiles.

2. INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING was further discussed. Chris brought in some more info regarding how this has been attempted in VA in the past.

ACTION ITEM(s) : Chris F. will contact Delegate W. Barlow regarding his attempt to get IRV passed, and post information found so far to the chat listserve.

3. An ADVERTISING DRIVE : James suggested that we run a series of ads, each focusing on a different topic, for instance :

- a. Additional group homes and more funding for the mentally or socially challenged.
- b. Community-run nursing homes.
- c. Mass transit -- ferries to/from D.C. & VRE upgrades
- d. Additional public schools and better funding for them
- e. Recycling program for local businesses

ACTION ITEM(s) : Chris F. will be looking at ad rates in the Free Lance-Star, and at short radio spots. James B. will look at rates in his area. Any takers for investigating how to get a show aired on public access cable?

### 4. COMMUNITY CALENDARS

ACTION ITEM(s) : Chris F. will forward Paul the blurbs last submitted to these calendars, and information on which calendars have been used in the past, their scheduling, etc.

5. DUES PROPOSAL : It was generally agreed that a dues proposal of \$60/year or 8 hours per month of GP work be the baseline.

ACTION ITEM(s) : Chris has volunteered to put together a formal proposal for consideration at the next meeting.

6. CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT : The idea of a campus "movie night" was generally agreed to be the way to go for now, but would need to be reserved until students return in January.

ACTION ITEM(s) : Chris and Paul will work together on scheduling. Paul will draft flyers/posters. The downtown library was suggested as a possible venue, but if it becomes necessary to do two movie nights, one on each campus, Paul will take Germanna, and Chris MWC. In either case, Chris will handle promotion at MWC and Paul will take Germanna.

### 7. OTHER PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

ACTION ITEM(s) :

a. Paul has offered to mail out holiday cards to our past membership, with an invitation to re-join our meetings, starting with the next one (Dec 19th). Chris will forward Paul the mailing list and draft the invitation blurb. Chris will then split the distribution list into three parts (Chris, Paul, James) for a follow-up phone campaign for the weekend of the meeting.

b. Chris has volunteered to submit a follow-up letter to the editor of the Free Lance-Star in response to a recent letter about the need for a third party.

c. Chris will look into the acquisition of pins, bumper stickers, and other promotional items from the national GP website.

d. Chris will update the FGP website following suggestions from Paul.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 19th.

See you (and hopefully a guest) there !

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Submitted 12/12/2004 Christopher Fink, FGP Coordinator

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FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING NOTES 1/2/2005

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The Fredericksburg Green Party (FGP) met 1/2/2005 at 4pm at The Hyperion Cafe' in downtown Fredericksburg (the library was closed). In attendance were two regular members (Chris F. and James B.).

1. PROJECT PROPOSALS : At the 12/19/04 meeting, it was decided that we would work in teams to put together specific plan proposals for potential FGP projects, and then meet to discuss which plan(s) to tackle first. The volunteered assignments were as follows :

James & Emily : Additional group homes and increased funding for people with special needs.

Chris & James : Mass transit (light rail & ferry service)

Chris, Emily & Paul : Recycling program for local businesses

Paul : Free medical clinics & expansion of eligibility

James has presented a set of three proposals, which will be mailed out separately.

2. Public Information Meeting on Dominion's Plans to Build New Reactors at North Anna : It has come to our attention that The Battlefields Group of the Sierra Club is hosting a Public Information Meeting to provide area residents with information on Dominion's application for an Early Site Permit (ESP) to site up to two new nuclear reactors at its North Anna Power Station on Lake Anna. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission recently issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in response to Dominion's ESP application. An ESP would allow the company to "bank" the site for 20 years, during which time it would design the nuclear reactor and apply for a combined construction and operating license (COL). It would be a good idea for some of us to attend this event, in order to educate ourselves on the issue and perhaps make some good contacts.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 12 at 7:30PM

WHERE: FLS Community Meeting Room, 616 William Street, in Fredericksburg (enter mid-block on Amelia Street).

Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 16th.

See you (and hopefully a guest) there !

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Submitted 1/9/2005 Christopher Fink, FGP Coordinator

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