

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: December 16, 2019 Minutes taken by: Kate Singley

Location: Indian Trail Meeting Hall

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Bonnie Bray at 5 pm

In Attendance: Randy Jones, Director of Tourism, Karen Mosteller Alderman, Tom Lombardi, Nick Kern, Bonnie Bray, Nancy Disbrow, Sharon Lightborne, Marjorie Jones, Margaret Fontaine, Kate Singley

Absent:

Guests: Lynne & Ken Geiman

Approval of November Minutes: approved and seconded with no revisions

1. Committee Reports

a. Communications- Margaret: SPT/OKI chamber –announcement/ pictures of volunteers in action.

b. Native/Pollinator: Kate: Pop up work afternoon at NPPG 12/10 mulching and planting area that was tilled. Many thanks to Rick & Joy Mitchell and Lynn Menches. Who picked up mulch, Working group: Lynne Geiman, Margaret Fontaine, Carol Coverly, Ingrid Crook, Nick Kern, Kate & Harry Singley, Margaret posted pictures
Jim Lightborne communicated with teachers of science and other clubs at high school

c. Forestry: Karen – A large tree will be planted at old City Hall. Trees have been identified and tagged at nursery for spring planting. Tentative locations have been identified in town for planting

d. Financial: Nancy: \$1362.52 balance

2. Old Business

a. Adopt –A-Spot program launch-Lynne Geiman: 15 spots, 5 have been adopted –refinement of 15 spots. Lynne working on email will send out by the end of the week. Asking volunteers to be a “steward” for the area they adopted

b. Youth Outreach update- Sharon: no report. Follow up in January

c. Boat Donation update- Nick: Karen talked to property owners - The boat is a go. Possibly looking at property near the pump house? 25’ plan for boat donated to city –look into liability
town is actively looking for a location-one has not been found yet

d. Volunteer hour cataloging- Bonnie: Karen announced the effort will launch in January –give information to Lisa for Facebook –Jan-June 2019. Margaret

will get e-mail addresses. Fiscal year 7/18-6/19 press release form –Sharon will share with Bonnie-more to follow

e. Watering: Karen and Bonnie spoke with Chief. Drew –brush truck setup will work great- let Bonnie know-daily watering schedule & areas to be watered. Work with garden club to set schedule
Irrigation April-November- Caviness & Jaycee do not have irrigation- There is a spigot at Jaycee. Lynne will check out –possibly get 2 new hoses

3. New Business

- a. Tom’s new committee role- Tom Lombardi-resigned from BC –now will be the alderman liaison starting January 2020
Vice chair vacant- need volunteer to fill position-to be advertised in Pilot
- b. Holiday tree lighting committee formation- Bonnie: Randy, David Truglio and Bonnie met-regarding town tree/decorations- Thanks to David Kelly and assistant Leonard who put up all lights-for Christmas. Motion made that committee is formed- holiday decoration committee should be more than beautification. Possibly include garden club.
–discussion follows— Idea is tabled.
- c. January clean up and planting- Bonnie: Bulb distribution-daffodil bulbs-purchased from BSL garden club-will be planted in designated spots around town on workday, January 4th
- d. Waterfront project –Nick: area to be “softened “ –came up with plan-low maintenance-go forward to get approval –use grasses? Nick will meet and talk with Heather
- e. Holiday decoration dismantling including garlands & bows- Bonnie: to be taken down-/dismantled on clean up day, January 4th. Lynn Menches will email lists of spots-plan to send 2-3 people to accomplish task. Garlands and bows to be placed in new clear plastic bags that will be labeled with area. – it would be helpful to take a picture before garland and bows are removed.

4. Adjourn: 6:19 pm

Next meeting: January 20, 2020