

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: February 17, 2020 Minutes taken by: Kate Singley

Location: Indian Trail Meeting Hall (ITMH)

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Bonnie Bray at: 5:02 pm

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

Absent: Margaret Fontaine, Lynne Geiman (garden steward program)

Guests: Diana Mibelli

Approval of January Minutes: approved and seconded – no revisions

1. Committee Reports

a. Communications- no report

b. Native/Pollinator: Kate: schedule a few pop up workdays ahead, before the garden starts growing and filling in. Many thanks to Ken Geiman for the awesome sign that will be attached under the main sign in the parking area at Lowe White Park. The 2 remaining signs will be addressed within the next month and they will be more “rustic” and plain. Thanks to Tom Lombardi who cut out the signs for the garden.

c. Forestry: Karen – Arbor Day Celebration - April 24 at 11 at Keziah- 10 live oak trees were planted at various locations around town. 5 live oaks that were growing behind community garden have been planted in Northwood cemetery. Bonnie will contact Scott Len–forestry regarding education on pruning trees.

d. Youth Outreach – Sharon Lightbourne: Middle school involvement-Sharon will be in touch tomorrow for help with proposed human sundial in pollinator garden, mentioning change of dates 3/7, 3/28, 5/2 for youth involvement.

d. Garden Steward Program – Lynne Geiman : now there are 20 sites for the program. Lynne e-mailed the lists of areas along with names of stewards- most areas have back up stewards, per Bonnie.

e. Financial report – Nancy Disbrow: Total Expenses: \$2,038.97
\$961.03 balance

2. Old Business

a. SPT DOS update – Randy Jones: DOS scheduled for 3/28, NOT 4/4. BC will have projects -Just show up- do not need to sign up –planting many areas, staining waterfront - 4 or 5 people at 4-5 locations- waterfront clean up? (trash/cig butts) Bonnie will reach out to Ken Geiman re:(paint supplies) DOS take the place of town clean up on 4th

b. Sweatshirts – Tom Lombardi: Gilden brand -nice weight-blue-look nice. Beautification volunteer on back Randy will do a PO -donation back to tourism. Plan to sell for \$20. (BC \$14 S M L, \$16 XL) Tom will ask about hoodie sweatshirts.

c. Waterfront planting update - Nick Kern: met with Heather again-shared plant choices -70 purple muhly -24 miscanthus, which someone mentioned is INVASIVE - Nick will reconsider –talk with Linwood Nursery–Donation from Heather ?–around 1000.00 would be helpful to pay for transport, taxes, mulch - \$34/yd Bianchi- roundabout needs mulch –Randy stressed looking at dividing the money for supplies equally among all areas maintained by Beautification.

d. Boat Donation update – Nick Kern: city can move the boat –Ricky Evans will do a sketch of the planned location at corner of Bay & Caswell-survey done – Tom will pick up survey –plan to take cedar tree down. –Nick feels it will be an ongoing project of the Beautification. Add beautification project signs -available in jail annex. Need Alderman approval at next meeting-March 12th

e. Volunteer hour cataloging outreach – Bonnie: no emails received as of yet-Non profits were at the ministry fair-Bonnie spoke to them- volunteers should keep personal list of hours. -Margaret & Bonnie will send out email blast reminder.

f. NatureFest planning – Randy Jones & Bonnie for Lora Sharkey: 4/24 &25 of April–speaker at Trinity–Coastal water watch does not exist any more—Bonnie will send out plea for volunteer(s) to work with Lora. All educators are confirmed – reservations –for tours –pollinator garden 10-30-noon golf cart transport-holds 5 people-thanks to Rick Pukaenas –need someone to spearhead volunteers for the BC tent

Peace poles – There are 3. Sharon got photos- will email to Margaret –will pass along to Lisa Anderson –also peace rocks after school program –within a month-garden club will be planting 3/28 the front bed at ITMH, Beautification to maintain.

3. **New Business**

a. Committee vacancy (Tom’s position as vice chair) – Bonnie: actually do not need to replace this position since it is fine with 7 people. Advertise Opening- Margaret work on this next meeting –talk to Michele Windham re: opening up the application process

b. March clean up and planting – Bonnie: replace soil in Lowe White planter–pull vines- Library-conversations with Joe Hardesty-working with Shirley to dress up the front-back of the library possibly –trimming & general cleanup, Dry Street Island, East West, Atlantic Ave park. Bonnie will compile tasks for March 7th.

Again there will be NO CLEAN UP ON APRIL 4TH

4. **Adjourn:** 6:39 pm

Next meeting: March 16, 2020 5pm

