

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: July 15, 2019 Minutes taken by: Kate Singley

Location: Fire Department Substation

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Tom Lombardi, vice chair at 6pm

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

Absent: Margaret Fontaine

Guests: Lynne & Ken Geiman,

Approval of June Minutes: approved and seconded

1. Committee Reports

a. Communications- Margaret: Margaret absent, but will take on communication position. Bonnie will meet with Margaret to review responsibilities

b. Native/Pollinator: Kate: Summer watch has begun –thank you to all who covered for a week or two in the summer. We will meet August for fall planning and planting for next phase. May need to rent a tiller in the fall.

c. Forestry: Karen – Town was watering the trees but due to other commitments it was irregular. Scott Len using buckets. Sam Marshall (county) is leaving-re assigned to mountain area in NC

d. Financial: Bonnie: Balance: \$3,000.00

2. Old Business

a. June 29 Smithville clean up/debrief : all went well-removed large amount of debris. The county sent 3 people for 3 days sometime in early summer-stone cleaning also done under the supervision of historical society.

b. July 4th float debrief: “awesome” Bonnie has list for float decoration additions for next year.

c. Water tank update – Randy: Charles getting \$500.00 tank-BC may help with portion of cost – presently city tests/opens at least 6 hydrants a day and utilizes water for planters around the city

d. Christmas lights update – Tom: icicle lights 9 sets –plugged in and checked –need to order 7 more? There are lots of extra strings of large colored lights-can we use these? To be discussed further

e. Public Works director and staff coordination update – Randy/Tom/Bonnie - David Kelly replaced Mark Sutherland. Discussed how BC

approach town workdays-areas/anything that we plant we are responsible for.
Cemeteries will be off list
Re-evaluate the mission and the purpose of our group –
Communications with city have begun.

f. Keziah Park gazebo roof shingles – Bonnie: Jeremy hasn't gotten to see roof shingles-waterfront- covered picnic area is missing shingles per Tom - partnership with DSI? TBD

3. New Business

a. Elect officers for 2019-2020 Nick Kern presented slate –Bonnie Bray - chair, Tom Lombardi vice chair, Kate Singley secretary, Nancy Disbrow –treasurer. No additional nominations from floor. Positions approved and seconded.

Bonnie continues with meeting

b. Jaycee Building “Watch a Spot” vacancy: Dan and Tess stepping down. by the Labor Day weekend. –Would any of our volunteers be interested in filling this slot? Bonnie will send out e-mail.

c. Fall planting schedule- List areas that need clean up/planting/mulch, coastal water watch, DOS, Christmas events and decorations, July 4 prep-Champions for list of planting, weeding, painting, tree lighting ceremony- The champions to be aware of tools /yard bags, etc. needed for job. -Champions will come out with assignments-Opportunities to get more involved, other than the first Saturday, once a month. Bonnie will draft ideas and areas to be addressed.–Discuss and revise at August meeting

d. Signs painted with white background and blue letters-Smithville is done, Lowe-White and Northwood will be completed by Tom and Marie Lombardi

e.. Time change: Bonnie suggested changing start time to 5p-for August meeting- approved

NO August clean up

Change of location for BC meetings- Meet at former visitor center/police station on Moore St. To be discussed further.

4. Adjourn: 6:51

Next meeting: August 19