

## City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

**Date:** March 15, 2021 Minutes taken by: Karen Pasquale

**Location:** Indian Trail Meeting Hall

**Quorum determined:** Meeting called to order by Bonnie Bray at: 5:04pm

**In Attendance:** Bonnie Bray, Nancy Disbrow, Margaret Fontaine, Sharon Lightbourne, Karen Pasquale, Ken and Lynne Geiman, Randy Jones, Tom Lombardi, Maria Lowther, Rob Thatcher

**Absent:** none

**Guests:** Kate Singley

**Approval of February 15, 2021 Minutes:** Minutes amended, approved and seconded.

### 1. Committee Reports

#### a. Native Plant Pollinator Garden (NPPG): Kate Singley

- NPPG needs some new plants.
- Purpose will be to use and reuse plants, nectar plants and various seeds for diversity.
- Bonnie suggested that Kate submit a dollar request for her budget.
- Have not applied for Bee City Certification. Must be a “no spray” area.
- Yearly renewal to Bee City is \$100.00.
- Kate needs replenishment of brochures. Randy will supply her with brochures.
- Kate asked if NPPG could be included in the Southport Cart Tour. Dan Guetschaw, the tour guide, could bring people maybe once or twice a month is the request.

#### b. Communication Report: Margaret Fontaine

- Margaret took great pictures at our last Work Day, March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Students must give permission to have their pictures in the newsletter and on Southport’s Facebook page. Margaret will bring permission forms next work day.
- Students are enthusiastic and want to volunteer at more work days and pop-ups.
- Margaret gave pictures to Gary Pethe, State Pilot, to use for his article.
- April Newsletter has been submitted.

c. **Planting Planning:** Lynne Geiman

- Planting sub-committee, Sharon, Margaret, Karen and Lynne have met several times.
- This committee has narrowed down the sites to “primary” and “secondary”.
- Primary is Waterfront and Garrison Lawn. Secondary is JC area etc.
- Nurseries still low on plants.
- Planting will be in 2 phases. Now and in July.
- Tom Lombardi suggests that maybe Heather could give us money for our budget for the Garrison Lawn.
- Randy Jones says he will ask the City Manager for money to do the repairs at Kingsley.
- Bonnie Bray weeded at the Firehouse sub-station.
- Marjorie Jones who worked on the Peace Pole, located on the waterfront near the pier, asks if someone else can take that task over for her.
- Lynne asked if the SBC, Southport Beautification Committee, would take over the Peace Pole as another steward site. Committee approved.
- Randy will ask Heather for dollars for flowers for the Pump House. They are jasmine at \$30.00 a piece. We need approximately 12 plants.
- Margaret spoke with Kim at All in Bloom for her site near Oliver’s. Kim is in the planning stage for this site. Kim will post a sign for her spot.

d. **Financial Report:** Nancy Disbrow

- \$1916.34 left in the budget.
- Coastal Water Watch (CWW) has a budget of \$2350.06.
- Randy will order Xmas trees and garland.
- Karen Pasquale will place an ad in “Just Judy” in St James, to ask for artificial Xmas trees people are willing to donate.
- Margaret asked if we can use any of the CWW money for plants to be placed at the CWW sign, and plants to be placed at the Pump house.
- Tom looked at all the signs throughout Southport and stated that most can be repaired with just paint. He needs \$100.00 out of Supplies for his paint budget.
- Bonnie suggests that we have a new column(category) for Signs, \$600.00 budget.

## 2. Old Business

### a. Picnic Table Installation Update: Ken Geiman

- 5 team leaders sanded and stained the picnic tables.
- 5 people per table built the tables on Garrison lawn.
- Tables were placed at the following sites: 1 table at Kingsley, 2 at Kezia Park, 2 at Franklin Square Park.

### b. March Workday: Lynne/Bonnie

- 37 people attended. 15 of the group were students.

## 3. New Business

### a. Garbage Bin Water-tight tops: Tom

- Due to the problem of the garbage bins filling with rain water, Tom built a slanted top of wood to be placed on the bins.
- Tom requests a list of bins and their location that need these slanted tops.
- Tom and Ken need a group of volunteers to help build these slanted pieces.
- City Manager will pay for the wood.

### b. SBC Board Officer Elections Nominating Slate: Bonnie

- Applications accepted thru the end of April.
- Applicants will interview with Tom and Bonnie.
- Sharon and Margaret are renewing their positions.

### c. FY 2022 Budget: Nancy/Randy/Bonnie

- \$100.00 taken out of Holiday to NPPG.
- Mary will get \$75.00.
- Nancy will set up a new 2021-2022 Projected Budget sheet.

### d. April Workday: Lynne/Bonnie

- Bonnie asks for date of workday to be changed from April 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 10<sup>th</sup> due to Easter holiday.
- Lynne states that April 10<sup>th</sup> will be a day of staining and weeding.
- Lynne will organize a list of sites that need staining.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a “pop-up” day because it has already been listed in the newsletter. Bonnie will meet people who show up on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Jail house and direct them to weed certain sites.

**4. Adjourned:** 6:45pm

**Next meeting:** April 19, 2021