

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: November 18, 2019 Minutes taken by: Kate Singley

Location: Indian Trail Meeting Hall

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Bonnie Bray at 5:00 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 October Minutes: approved and seconded with no revisions

1. Committee Reports

a. Communications- Margaret: Reaching out to: SPT magazine, Lisa Anderson (city of SPT facebook) -we are posted on facebook-Margaret and Bonnie encourage picture taking when working in community (volunteer Saturdays/pop up work days), and send to Margaret

b. Native/Pollinator: Kate: spoke with Sharon & Jim Lightbourne , -both interested in helping with human sundial & youth involvement. Areas on either side of butterfly sign tilled by Nick & Harry- will meet as a group to discuss plans for signage/ mulched walkway, lantana plantings. Brainstorm possible speaker at the NPPG for Nature Fest next year?

c. Forestry: Karen – 12/7 FC to clean out bushes/area around tree at the old fire sub station – plan to cut holes in surround for drainage? - UDO tree ordinance – city working on tightening up –considering adding trees in open spaces on city property -Scott Len will speak at the SPT holiday tea

d. Financial: Nancy: receipts: \$213.55 balance: \$2,786.45-Randy and Nancy will get together to compare/review financial –spent \$808.00 for pole brackets for wreaths

2. Old Business

a. November beautifying recap – Bonnie Bray: 19 people. (mulched weeded and planted at various spots in town. City now taking care of cemetery clean ups.

b. Holiday decorating recap – Bonnie: good turnout 8 people , 4 or 5 will help w/lights meeting with Charles Drew tomorrow(12/19)-60 wreaths to be placed, Bonnie will verify with David Kelly. -Icicle lights will be sent to David Fox. BBT tree being put up by public works. At the waterfront

c. Lowe White Park sign-Tom: Nick and Tom will look at sign to be repaired & painted.

d. Watering update- Bonnie: no update-meeting tomorrow w/Chief Drew

e. Good Samaritan program update- Bonnie: working on adopt a spot-commercial sponsorship -whatever business donates either money or people - contribute monetary donation to the city-would go into BC item- Bonnie asked if anyone would spearhead this - no volunteer at this point-work in progress -update next month.

3. **New Business**

a. December 7 clean up – Bonnie: –NO DECEMBER CLEAN UP

b. Peace pole locations –Marjorie Jones: plan to place at City Hall Indian Trail meeting Hall, Jaycee, community building,. Now poles at community garden, waterfront garden school children painting poles at the gym/park/recreation– wood purchased by Heather Hemphill

c. Youth Outreach- Sharon Lightbourne: contacted English teacher at South Brunswick -3 dates in the spring we need to decide how many students we need – DOS is one of the days- 3/7, 4/4, 5/2

d. NatureFest participation –Randy Jones: prep for next year April 24/25 – Arbor Day -bring someone to speak –maybe a master gardner ? - Different groups to get a speaker ? coastal water watch/coaatal cape fear river watch , garden club, BC, forestry, and city role support –Organizational meeting 1p 12/3 at Indian Trail Meeting Hall

e. Non-profit organization volunteer hours program –Bonnie: Ken Geiman will be making new sign for volunteer float –large backdrop sign has removable numbers 10,000 volunteer hours/per year launch an effort to get non-profits to tell us their number of hours for 2018/2019–use float to advertise hours –benefit SPT - launch event at the tree lighting ceremony- Lynne Geiman Ken to have sign for the 29th Feedback from non-profits - Margaret is the email point person –Bonnie will write to PILOT – post on Facebook

f. Holiday lighting festivities program- Bonnie: arrive at 4:30

g. Boiling Springs Lakes Garden Club Bulbs- Bonnie: club has extra bulbs (315), 30 cents/bulb. Pop Up planting? Bonnie will contact Shirley and Lynn

h.metal life boat: Nick- presently located at SPT Gourmet & Sushi –owner willing to donate- some cost in moving the boat –where shall it be placed? Revisit next month

Sweatshirts for Beautification volunteers? –Tom will look into this @ Cape Fear Printing

Adjourn: 6:33 pm Next meeting: December 16, 2019

