

## **City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes**

Date: October 21, 2019 Minutes taken by: Kate Singley

Location: Indian Trail Meeting Hall

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Bonnie Bray at : 5:03pm

**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:** Mary Friend, Lynn Menches, Lynne & Ken Geiman

**Approval of September Minutes:** approved and seconded with no revisions

### 1. Committee Reports

a. Communications- Margaret: has been in contact with Lisa Anderson (city of SPT Facebook) she will post for BC -pictures and articles will be forwarded to Lisa

b. Native/Pollinator: Kate: interest in making “meadow” area interactive-area has been weed wacked. Many of the native flower signs have faded & removed (to be redone) Suggestion to create signage/ walkway from tennis courts to garden-to be discussed further.

c. Forestry: Karen – 2 trees removed at old city hall – one large tree to be planted in future using money from tea fundraiser. Up Your Art group plans to use some of the wood from trees for future projects -work in progress

d. Financial: Nancy: Balance: \$3,000.00, mulch receipts, along with other receipts, have been turned in from last clean up

### 2. Old Business

a. October beautifying recap – Bonnie Bray: mostly weeding/mulching at various spots in town

b. Garden Club Update – Margaret Fontaine & Marjorie Jones met w/Lynn Menches – Redesign for grounds of Indian Trail Meeting Hall: grant has been submitted -will hear end of January or February. Plans drawn up- peace pole will be added -Ricky Evans designed sign. BC contributed 300.00. In January, Randy will go to DSI –Project will continue when plants are ready –collaborative effort w/BC and SPT Garden Club

c. Human Sundial update – Kate: this would be part of the interactive area(open “meadow”)of the pollinator garden –(plan for spring 2020) Kate will meet with Jim Lightbourne to begin conversation for design. Sharon Lightbourne suggested getting youth involved-more to follow.

### 3. New Business

a. November 2 planting – Lynn Menches & Mary Friend- annuals have been ordered from Williams Nursery to do waterfront, pots, gazebo. Community center pots are located at city hall-beautification will still plant. Kate Marshall will water. Lowe White park sign and planter box discussion: Cut posts off 2-3 feet – take sign down –deliver to Tom’s house paint/reinstall. Replace plants @ fire station that have died. Pots will be planted end of month-Karen and Bonnie will talk with fire department (replacing plants) for November work day public restroom area –needs attention – Area around palm trees need another solution too many weed pull out top 2 inches of surface weed barrier and gravel –box around raised fill with light weight mulch – Tom will address Bonnie will make a list of potential projects will call pop ups. Mary and Lynn went to Shelton farms and did get some plant materials Lynn will keep Bonnie posted with plant updates. When city gets lattice at pump station painted –Lynn will add plant materials to list

b. November 2 – additional activities – Tom Lombardi-Christmas lights need to be looked at – garlands and bows nicely labeled in bags for distribution – Lynn will e-mail volunteers to sign up for placing around town–1 wreath is at jail annex – fell off pole frame bent Tom spoke with Todd White.

c. Pumpkins – Bonnie: the great pumpkin blow out at Brunswick town bring pumpkin and 10 dollars Make this a fundraiser for next year? tabled

d. New waterfront garden – Nick Kern- Public park end of Atlantic Ave. Park and Rec waiting for house to be finished so they can refinish garden. Nick also reports that he has a lead to acquire an old lifesaving boat nick waiting to hear -20 ft long –possibly for median on East West. – f/u next month

e. Peace pole locations – Majorie Jones: after school program –kids are working on peace poles. There are 3 one scheduled to be placed at the Indian Trail Meeting Hall

f. Youth outreach – Sharon Lightbourne: high school students helping with Beautification Elizabeth wall -3 groups that are interested to help after email. Sharon waiting for confirmation. Everyone thinks this is a great idea. April 4 SPT DOS. ideas cleaning up butts , flowers in cemetery think about more projects for next meeting we need t be organized with specific tasks –ken and Sharon will talk Idea needs to be developed –weeding at olivers all in bloom –place their plaque-talk to city managers first. Bonnie will call Bruce Oakley

g. Good Samaritan award – Sharon: suggestion to nominate good Samaritan quarterly- appreciation certificate for first quarter 2020. –put in team effort for sponsors-Sharon and Margaret will draft 1<sup>st</sup> criteria for next meeting.

h. Holiday decorating schedule & lighting festivities (11/29/19)– Bonnie: Randy, & Tom met with Ellie. Some pole brackets are dysfunctional- plan to address physical issues Bonnie will send blanket email to committee –some pop ups- week before Thanksgiving wreaths will be up until Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. Mayor will light the tree. Ricky Evans donates cards for invitation to tree lighting to be sent to existing alderman. Program: Sing alongs- Jane Izod and her harmonizer group, lighting of the tree, Trinity children sing along, John Keiffer will do sound system –Joy and Rick Mitchell taking care of the cocoa/cookies

Sharon suggested Methodist men at Trinity – helping with SPT resident’s private Yard- discussion followed –no decision

4. Adjourn: 6:43 pm

Next meeting: November 18, 2019