

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: August 19, 2019 Minutes taken by: Kate Singley

Location: Fire Department Substation

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Bonnie Bray at 5:01 pm

In Attendance: Randy Jones, Director of Tourism, Tom Lombardi, Nick Kern, Bonnie Bray, Kate Singley, Nancy Disbrow, Sharon Lightbourne, Marjorie Jones, Margaret Fontaine

Absent: Karen Mosteller, Alderman

Guests: Lynne & Ken Geiman,

Approval of July Minutes: approved and seconded

1. Committee Reports

a. Communications- Margaret: contacted our media outlets and introduced herself-St James deadlines informational look into Facebook. Randy will give me e-mail of informational officer Lisa Anderson start with city first

b. Native/Pollinator: Kate: Summer watch continues. Fall planning & planting meeting 8/28 planned for 9 am in the garden. Randy suggested - Go with identity on maps-make it more visible. Possibly change name? It was decided to keep with Lowe-White Native Pollinator Garden. Discuss ideas for open space - possibly rent a tiller -to be decided.

c. Forestry: Karen – absent – no report, Randy added that any concerns regarding town trees – refer to Scott Len –forestry chair

d. Financial: Nancy: Balance: \$3000.00. believe we spent close to 2800. Last fiscal year Per Randy

2. Old Business

a. Water tank update – Randy: –DSI to help –still in discussion

b. Keziah Park gazebo shingles – Bonnie: Jerry cannot do-due to insurance. Refer back to Heather’s for park and rec.

c. Old jail annex storage changes – Randy: decorations are stored –room needs to be cleaned out-organize tools- be prepared for possible move to another building space. Randy will do exploration. Many of the old Christmas lights still there-all work-could we utilize? Plan to call a “pop up” work day to inventory and organize all items at the Old Jail annex.

3. New Business

Discussion of new plan for monthly clean up teams: Bonnie

Identify functional areas for 4 working groups- -i.e.: weeding, planting, pruning/mulching, special projects. 3 month commitment- for leaders - List activities tied to the calendar - List potential special projects and strategize implementation –Bonnie will draft e mail – BC members will provide comments

Finalize a draft email to introduce the general membership to this new plan prior to the September 7 clean up-draft email has been approved and seconded-take home to read and send Bonnie comments.

Describe the section leader concept – Bonnie/Lynne Geiman:

Introduce the idea of “section leaders” or “group captains”

Determine roles for leaders/captains –note: before scheduled clean up Saturdays, leaders/captains to know what area needs attention and tools needed

We need to be proactive with the city – establish good communication

Briefly discuss concept at the September 7 clean up after e-mail has been sent to all volunteers –contact information will be provided for comments or interest in leading a group

Assign volunteers as usual.

Sharon Lightbourne suggested possibly “Tapping” the younger generation - how could we get them involved? To be discussed further

Riverfront cleanup with Coastal Water Watch-clean up Oct 5 coordinated effort-this will take the place of our usual Saturday volunteer clean up –approved & seconded to go forward.

Possible change of location for BC meetings- Meet at former visitor center/police station on Moore St. To be discussed further. Next meeting tentatively at former visitor center/police station -“Indian Trail Meeting Hall”

4. Adjourn: 6:35

Next meeting: September 16