

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: April 18, 2022 Minutes taken by: Margaret Fontaine and Sharon Lightbourne, typed up by Karen Pasquale

Location: Indian Trail Meeting Hall

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Lynne Geiman at: 5:00pm

In Attendance: Sharon Lightbourne, Lynne Geiman, Tom Lombardi, Margaret Fontaine, Robert Thatcher, Larry Ashley, Randy Jones, Joe Fikentscher

Absent: Karen Pasquale, Ken Geiman

Guests: None

Approval of March 21, 2022 Minutes: Minutes amended, approved and seconded.

1. Committee Reports

a. Native Plant Pollinator Garden (NPPG): Larry Ashley

- Mulch will be delivered to the garden on Friday, April 22nd.

b. Communication Report: Larry

- Nothing new to report.

c. Youth Outreach: Sharon Lightbourne

- Sharon states that the High School would like the workday dates sent out earlier to them for pre-planning sign ups. Lynne will send those dates.
- We have two more groups to contact at the High School.

d. Planting/Garden/Steward Program: Lynne

- Lynne states that the stewardship program is working well and gave an example.

e. Financial Report: Lynne

- Current balance is \$1996.00.

2. Old Business

a. April Workday Recap, 4/9/22: Lynne

- Seventeen people attended the workday.

- At the Yacht Basin, the posts were painted, dead plants were removed and the rope is still yet to be installed.
- At Kingsley Park, 4 plants were taken out and transported to the JC Builing. Rob Thatcher planted some new plants.
- At the JC Builing, weeding and mulching was done. The 4 plants from Kingsley were replanted.
- At the Community Building the planters were prepped for future plants still needing to be purchased.
- At the Waterfront Park, the old rosemary plants were removed, new plants installed and Larry added mulch.
- At the Peace Pole, Joe planted 3 sunflower plants around the pole.

b. SBC Term Renewals and Postings: Randy Jones

- Randy sent a request to Dory (City Clerk) to post Committee Board openings.

c. Naturefest 4/30: Lynne

- We will meet at the Pollinator Garden at 7:30am to determine what needs to be done and help set up.
- Rob will provide a golf cart to transport people to the Pollinator Garden
- Lynne will man the SBC table and wishes to lead a walking tour to the Pollinator Garden.
- Direction signs will be made.
- They will be parking available at the site, self-guided tours and golf cart rides.
- Seedlings be given out to those interested.
- Lynne will contact Lora Sharkey to find out what help is needed.

3. New Business

a. Upcoming Workday, 5/7/22: Lynne

- Shirley Synder requested help at the roundabout.
- Bricklaying activity at the Visitor Center was discussed and it was decided that Randy will arrange a pop-up meeting with the city employees to have work done during the week.
- Randy will ask Building and Grounds about existing irrigation systems and their current status.
- Approximately 13 to 15 Historical Boards were found in storage at the jail that belong to the Historical Society which all need new frames. Ken has made a frame as an example to show the Society.

- The thought is to build the frames for approximately \$10.00 and then sell them to the public as a fundraiser. The proceeds would then be split between SBC and the Historical Society. Further discussion to follow.

b. Other Business: Lynne

- Ken and Tom have put future work on the trash can repairs on hold due to price increases in lumber and supplies
- Other solutions toward long-term sustainable trash cans will be discussed in the future.
- A citizen requested to change the stain on the benches at Waterfront Park to white. After much discussion of the pros and cons, the committee decided it was more advantageous to keep them stained brown.
- A question was brought up about pruning the azalea bushes at Franklin Square Park, and Randy clarified that the pruning will be done by the city after the blooming season has ended.

4. Adjourned: 6:25pm

Next meeting: May 16, 2022