

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: March 16, 2020 Minutes taken by: Kate Singley

Location: Indian Trail Meeting Hall (ITMH)

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

In Attendance: Randy Jones- Director of Tourism, Karen Mosteller, Alderman, Nick Kern, Bonnie Bray, Nancy Disbrow, Marjorie Jones, Kate Singley, Sharon Lightbourne Tom Lombardi, Alderman

Absent: Margaret Fontaine

Approval of February Minutes: approved and seconded –with revisions on attendance.

1. Committee Reports

a. Communications- no report

b. Native/Pollinator: Kate: Ken Geiman and Harry Singley placed 2 directional signs in Lowe-White park –one before bridge, the other can be seen from parking lot and as you come off bridge –workday 5 bags weed waste collected but still more to do (plan pop ups). Alex Sands –discuss some PR for pollinator garden – possibly prior to Naturefest. Bonnie will be in touch with Alex.

c. Forestry: Karen – Arbor Day Celebration- Waiting to hear if it will be cancelled. Scott Len is watering trees –education will take place during NatureFest/Arbor Day weekend-Bonnie mentioned the proposed tree for old City Hall. Karen states that it is a work in progress.

d. Youth Outreach – Sharon Lightbourne: on hold. Jim Lightbourne has tried to contact 2 HS teachers to see if there is interest in human sundial. HS Tracy Leonard –Sharon’s contact at the high school

e. Garden Steward Program – no report

f. Financial report – Nancy Disbrow: Total Expenses: no expenses: balance remains: \$961.03

2. Old Business

a. SPT DOS update – Randy Jones: SPT DOS is postponed due to COVID 19.– possibly reschedule in fall. Committee members feel that certain town flowerbeds and waterfront shouldn’t wait—play by ear –do in structured pop up sessions so we don’t violate possible restrictions in public areas. Public restrictions may change after city meeting on Thursday.

b. Sweatshirts – Tom Lombardi: Tom has ordered a dozen sweatshirts - range of sizes –along with 2 hoodies M & L Cape Fear invoiced Randy and money will roll out to the city

c. Waterfront planting update - Nick Kern: Plan 4 areas,-2 small 2 large. Nick has all plants, which are little blue stems and Muhly grass. Nick figures that 5 or 6 people could do the work and would like to start Friday, 3/20, and the work could possibly be done in 2 pop up work sessions. Randy wants to make sure he alerts public works and Heather. Estimates \$1,095 dollars for mulch.

d. Boat Donation update – Nick Kern: Tom in public works on for Wed., 3/18, 8am estimate boat arrive at the corner by noon & anchored down, 24 7 x4 ft will need cleaning & painting-plants in front of boat. Nick has had wonderful cooperation from public works- discussion follows: concerns with possibility of kids climbing on & in boat –liability- Suggestion to cover-with plywood or tarp covering, add signage since it is a work in progress –make sure adjacent property owner aware –(Thomas Lloyd may have already done that) Nick will talk with David Fox –about possibility to work on boat somewhere else, and Tom Stanley- regarding signage –Randy will talk with everyone at staff meeting- may not be worth doing if it is going to be problematic-continue to figure out best method. A motion was that we leave it up to the members of the staff meeting/city of SPT- Sharon seconded.

e. Committee Vacancy: Applications accepted through end of March 2020 A recommendation to Tom Lombardi. He and Bonnie and he will bring to the board of alderman. This is the same process for all committees. Bylaws state we do need a vice chair –

f. March cleanup update-Bonnie: pictures sent to Margaret Fontaine–24 people, 27 BAGS!. Checked on: – Atlantic Ave. park –Weeded: Community garden, pollinator. Marjorie replanted peace pole.

3. New Business

a. No April clean up scheduled due to COVID 19 restrictions

b. Thoughts for: POST PANDEMIC CLEAN UP Bonnie will speak to Alex Sands from Pilot about –sprucing up area where I Am St. comes into Bay. -Bonnie and Mary Friend –traveling around town to see where plants will go at this point.

c. Budget –allotted money needs to be spread among garden steward groups & areas that Beautification maintains–majority goes to the Christmas supplies Randy stressed it is important that BC drives the Christmas decorations & planning making that a priority.

4. Adjourn: 6:24 pm

Next meeting: April 20, 2020 5pm

