

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: July 20, 2020 Minutes taken by: Kate Singley

Location: ITMH -All attending wore masks

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Bonnie Bray at: 5:02 pm

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

Absent: **Marjorie Jones**

Guests: **Lynne & Ken Geiman**

Approval of June Minutes: Minutes approved and seconded.

1. Committee Reports

a. Native/Pollinator(NPPG): Kate Singley: Summer watch is working well. Tree limb noted to have split at base-trimmed by Harry Singley. New birdhouse contribution Thank you to Tom Lombardi. Will be positioned in garden in the fall. Pleased with the Newspaper article that appeared in the PILOT July 8th, highlighting the NPPG. Sundial plans to be considered at fall planning meeting. When sundial plan is ready, will present to city, including Bonnie and BC. Tom offered to make "homes" for mason bees. Thank you to Mary Friend for plant donations to the garden.

b. Youth Outreach – Sharon Lightbourne – keeping students in loop –Sharon communicating for monthly clean ups and sundial help, with her middle school/high school teacher contact –suggestion to converse with home school association. Sharon will follow through.

e. Garden Steward Program – Lynne Geiman- In need of 3 additional stewards –boat area, Caviness, and plant boxes at fire station. Prior to workdays, Lynne makes rounds to see what needs to be done and communicates needs with Bonnie. Lynne contacted stewards -pop up sessions will be needed –no regular volunteer clean up in August Bonnie will send out general email.

f. Financial report – Nancy Disbrow: Balance: \$31.69. From 7/1/2020 - 7/20/2020, balance is zero. Coastal water watch balance : \$2350.06

2. Old Business

a. Sweatshirts – Tom Lombardi – Tom has made numerous calls and order still not ready. Consider pulling order? Tom will keep BC informed –if no progress in a week, Tom will possibly cancel order.

b. Life ring installation update – Nick Kern- Located on Bay across from vintage lifeboat. Tom and Nick built and installed as private citizens. THIS WAS NOT

A BEAUTIFICATION SPONSORED PROJECT- Discussion follows, may give illusion that it is a life saving device: Liability issue for city? Is it a decoration or real? Should ring be locked? Tom will follow up with city. Tom and Nick will follow up and if it should be problematic- Tom and Nick will remove –more to follow.

c. Committee membership update – Bonnie Bray -Applications being accepted until July 31st. 3 or 4 applications have been submitted and expecting a few more. Tom and Bonnie will interview-bring recommendations to August mtg. BC gets everyone’s bio that applies. Interviews should be done by Aug 5. Website announcement will go out.

3. New Business –

a. Summer popups – Tom/Nick: 2 areas needing attention: Triangle at 87 -pull vines-area has been mowed. Beautification to work with city -maybe city can pull vines- Randy will talk to David Fox. Other area is behind gazebo in Keziah - numerous vines-to be cleared. Nick and Tom will lead. Request 3 or 4 additional people –clean out debris and cut vines to fence of library –scheduled for Saturday, 7/25, 8 am –meet at Keziah.

b. Bee City designation – Kate- presented objectives, commitment and criteria to pursue designation for Southport. Randy suggested meet with David Kelly, to discuss this possibility. Native Plant Pollinator Garden meets criteria. Motion made and seconded for support financially FOR \$100.00 to be paid to the Xerces Society, when this idea gets approval. More to follow.

c. Official recognition of Marjorie Jones –Bonnie: details to be presented at next alderman mtg. –Marjorie has been active with BC and volunteering for many years and was a liaison of the Native Plant Society.

d. Bylaws revision – Bonnie –Discussion to revise bylaws. Bylaws to state: 75% (6) members WITHIN CITY LIMITS, 25% (3) members OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS. Perspective members must reside in 28461 zip code. Motion made to revise BC Bylaws to expand membership, and seconded by Sharon –Bonnie will update bylaws in a word doc, and email to BC before August meeting-results of this vote will be presented at Alderman meeting by Tom Lombardi on 8/13.

4. Adjourn: 6:18 pm

Next meeting: August 17, 2020