

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: August 17, 2020 Minutes taken by: Kate Singley & Karen Pasquale

Location: Indian Trail Meeting Hall -All attending wore masks

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Bonnie Bray at: 5:11 pm

In Attendance: Bonnie Bray, Nancy Disbrow, Kate Singley, Tom Lombardi - Alderman, Margaret Fontaine, Sharon Lightbourne

Perspective members attending: Lynne & Ken Geiman, Maria Lowther, Karen Pasquale

Absent: Rob Thatcher (perspective member), Randy Jones-Tourism Director

Approval of July Minutes: Minutes amended, approved and seconded.

1. Committee Reports

a. Native/Pollinator: Kate Singley: Summer watch is working well. Lost another small tree from recent storm. Fall planning Meeting scheduled for 9/3. Email will go out tomorrow. Tom is making mason bee houses.

b. Youth Outreach – Sharon Lightbourne – youth involvement –continue to try to involve younger children. Will communicate with teacher contact.

c. Garden Steward Program – Lynne Geiman- Caviness Park steward position filled-steward donated a hose. Lynne will have stewards check areas prior to workdays. Vintage boat area still needs a steward. Lynne felt that firehouse planters do not need a steward.

f. Financial report – Nancy Disbrow: Balance: 7/1-8/16/2020 - \$ 0.00

Total Budget: \$3,000.00. Balance remaining: \$3,000.00.

Coastal water watch balance : \$2350.06

Nancy will come up with actual itemized budget: for September meeting, such as, Christmas/decorations/plants/mulch for next month

2. Old Business

a. Sweatshirts – Tom Lombardi : Sweatshirts have arrived. Selling for: \$20.00 - sweatshirts, \$25.00 - hoodies – “Debut” - Sept 5th (volunteer workday)– Bonnie will send a picture with announcement –to see how many would like to order

b. Life ring installation update – The device will stay at the waterfront as is, but, a sign will be put on device that city of SPT is not responsible for the use of this device.

c. Bylaws revision –revision approved at Alderman meeting, for 6 members within city limits, 3 members outside city limits, but within the 28461 zip code.

3. **New Business –**

a. Committee membership update – Bonnie: 5 Perspective new members for BC. Maria K. Lowther, Karen Pasquale, Lynne & Ken Geiman, Rob Thatcher. Nominate and vote on new officers in September. The new members recommended by Tom and Bonnie were approved by the full board. Karen Pasquale will stand for secretary.

Possibly Lynne Geiman will stand for vice chair, Community/Youth outreach-Sharon, Communication –Margaret. This slate will not be official until next alderman meeting, September 10th.

b. Summer popups –87 Triangle area trimmed a week ago - Karen Collins, president of Rotary -had 8 or 9 people to help. Need work order for mowing the triangle and Franklin Square to trim vines. Bonnie will notify Randy. Thank you to Lynne Geiman for taking the lead for the cemetery clean ups. Nancy will call Randy about Stede Bonnett area. Call another pop up in September for boat area if no steward by then. Planting & pruning in Sept and Oct. waterfront grasses added to the watering for fire department. Tom Lombardi will repaint Northwood cemetery sign

c. Bee City designation –to be discussed at fall meeting with Native Plant Pollinator Garden group on September 3rd. –hope to schedule discussion with Randy Jones & city between now and then.

d. Future event discussion

1. September Alderman meeting: Plans to honor Marjorie Jones for her contributions and longtime BC member. Also honor Nick Kern posthumously for his contributions to BC. Bonnie will ask Marjorie to attend meeting on September 10th, and ask Mary Friend to stand in for Nick.

2. Christmas event -? May or may not go on –Bonnie will follow up

3. Gazebo roof in Keziah is new –needs stain? At this point, gazebo can be power washed then stained- Ken will follow up. Ken and Lynne will do a walk through in town & check on what may need painting, and report next month.

4. Volunteer hours – Bonnie would like to continue this idea that was discussed earlier in the year. Bonnie would like help to gather and catalogue all the volunteer hours within the city limits, in addition to beautification volunteer hours, or would someone like to “shepherd” this? Volunteer hours will be reflected through the end of June this year-announcement to be made at holiday show- Number of hours will be posted on beautification float 4th of July parade. Bonnie will report in September meeting. Sharon will send Bonnie on line applications that the businesses/non profits can fill out.

4. **Adjourn:** 6:30 pm

Next meeting: September 21, 2020

