

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: January 21, 2019 Minutes taken by: Kate Singley

Location: Fire Department Substation

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Shirley Snyder at: 6pm

In Attendance: Shirley Snyder, Karen Mosteller-Alderman, Randy Jones- Director of Tourism, Bonnie Bray, Tom Lombardi, David Rhodes, Nick Kern, Kate Singley

Absent: Joy Mitchell, Marjorie Jones

Guests: Lynne & Ken Geiman, Margaret Fontaine, Molly Thompson, Bob Renigner, David Truglio, Lora Sharkey-Alderman

Approval of November Minutes: approved

A. Old Business

1. Reports from Standing/Special Committees

a. Communications- Joy/Bonnie: split duties; Bonnie takes care of Pilot/ flyer communication for each clean up –Joy working on other projects-

b. Native/Pollinator: Kate: Weeding/planting on 1/7. Rick Mitchell dug new hole for repositioning of butterfly identification sign, birdhouse looking good, Brochures /holder in place on post. Weeding in February –e mail will be sent for 2/7 or 2/8-planning meeting tentative 2/20 @ Moore St.- Do we have a Budget?? Will confirm amount next meeting.

c. Forestry: Karen: trees going in beginning of February -10 trees purchased –a bit larger than those purchased last year. Holes will be dug by the city. Shirley offered volunteer power if needed. watering the trees- as needed by the fire company.

d. Financial: Bonnie: no changes since last report Balance remains 2,293.53

2. Activities -Reviewed

a. November 3 Fall/Winter Planting & clean up Kingsley, roundabout-new mulch, fire station, fire substation, Live oak planters, visitors center, waterfront, Pie, Caviness, Steve Bonnet-mulched-posts look bad -replace? Randy will put in work order

Shirley thanks everyone for stepping up to decorate city while she was gone.

b. Town decorating –sailboat wreaths, garlands/bows -Lynn Menches did an awesome job. In review, lights, etc-proposed changes for 2019-meeting of all the players-Randy pointed out- As David Kelly was taking them down noted which ones weren't working. Problems with holiday tree –lights drooped down -need to be up high and tucked in-noted some vandalism. No bucket truck -which would help getting lights higher in the tree– A lot of working lights were discovered at the old jail.-might have come off tree.- plan now /order now, instead of waiting until November.

Brackets are pulling out of poles- solution might be to take all down and resetting them - ONLY SPENT 100.00 ON DECORATIONS THIS YEAR.

c. Wreath workshop November 17, 10 -1 Community building-**No** plans to do it again next year. -did not make a profit

d. Jan. 5th -plan to take down garlands and bows, plant bulbs, clean up Dry St., weed Caviness. 32 volunteers. Nick requests green rope to protect trees/No Parking

Garrison lawn poles need painting- Tom & Shirley has list for areas that need to be painted/standardizing=Karen, and Tom(lead) prepare for next meeting.

B. New Business

1. Final accounting of Christmas decorations-plan to schedule pop up after lights come down -to look over/review lights—needs to be adopted by June 30. If funding is there buy a few more wreaths-allotment -for Christmas decorations-Randy and Shirley will provide numbers- after inventory for next meeting.

a. Wreaths-Tom showed the brackets -worn-David suggests putting a bolt right through the pole

b. Lights/ Icicle, red, white & green -inventory

c. Garlands & Bows-good for another year per Lynn Menches

d. Budgeting for replacements/decorations -provide at next meeting

2. BC Webpage- has begun with the help of Sharon Venis. Home page-current events-what's happening--type in Beautification-which should then provide link to beautification page-more to follow

3. It's Our Town Clean Up schedule through June 2019: February/March-Northwoods Cemetery-clean up debris. March -more painting??Caviness. tackle Triangle at 133 & Howe? Community building trim? May- spring planting. June is Smithville cemetery with Historical Society. -Shirley mentions that title- - "lets clean it up" possibly needs to be changed-to be discussed next meeting. Other possible projects: Keziah -finish staining-arrange for power wash. Kingsley - Mariner's Monument, along with plantings -tabled-David Rhodes will explore.

4. SPT Day of Service -Saturday, April 6- Sight signs - This activity is regularly scheduled is September- Lora Sharkey will be out of town - one of our volunteers to spearhead Intl Ocean conservancy—need coordinator to provide feedback- Coastal Water Watch-Lora emphasized getting businesses engaged . David Rhodes has been working on Logo. Register online. Individuals without a project will get assignment from Shirley Snyder. Breakfast and Lunch at Trinity Methodist. Keith (Trinity) will go to all the churches -to come up with projects- Groups will have assignments. Will need Project leader for each task.

Begin/start list for SPT day of service. Riverwalk –needs: ladders, rubber boots, Keziah –triangle, Coastal water watch , building/stage (sanded)at Caviniss, Nick will look at building

5. Old Waste Water Treatment Plant possible sale Shirley shared documents that would be helpful if BC became familiar with them to support projects
2.5 acres extends to Cottage Creek. No discussion.–Feb 2/ 9am Alderman retreat

6. New Year Project – Evaluation of City by quadrants, parks, areas for BC eyes...

7. Upcoming Events:

Naturefest 4/26 & 27 Speaker 4pm-Green swamp tour- Keziah Park at 11am

Arbor Day celebration 4/26– Forestry hosting -Ice cream/Brochures

Coastal Clean Up- March 2

C. Adjourn: 7:35

Next meeting: February 18 @6 pm