

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: June 17, 2019 Minutes taken by: Joy Mitchell

Location: Fire Department Substation

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Shirley Snyder at: 6:31 pm

In Attendance: Shirley Snyder, Randy Jones, Director of Tourism, Tom Lombardi, Nick Kern, Joy Mitchell, Bonnie Bray, Marjorie Jones

Absent: Kate Singley

Guests: Margaret Fontane, Nancy Disbrow

Approval of May Minutes: approved and seconded

Shirley welcomed potential new members Margaret Fontane and Nancy Disbrow

A. Old Business

1. Reports from Standing/Special Committees

a. Communications- Joy/Bonnie - No report. Margaret Fontane will accept the communications position replacing Bonnie and Joy beginning in July.

b. Native/Pollinator: Kate: Summer watch has begun –thank you to all who covered for a week or two in the summer. We will meet late August for fall planning. May need to rent a tiller in the fall. A planting plan will be developed for next phase.

c. Forestry: Karen – Sadly, Betty Timberlake, a charter member of the forestry committee has passed away. Her generous donations have been used to plant many live oaks in Southport. Nick questioned the clearing of the lots at Lord and Caswell Streets. Karen commented that amendments are being continually added to the tree ordinance as we move forward to address areas in town. Commercial zoning is one of those areas that will be looked at. It is a work in progress.

d. Financial: Bonnie: Balance: \$2,194.40

2. Activities

a. Painting – Nick/Tom- Caviness Park really “pops” now because of the updated painting that has been done. Ceiling on the covered picnic area still needs ceiling strips and some paint.

b. June 1 clean up: Shirley - We met early, and 20-25 members were present. Roundabout weeding, Kingsley weeding, library cleanup, doggie waste bag spot, waterfront picnic shelter repairs were completed.

B. New Business

1. Projects

a. . June 29 clean up –Smithville Burying Grounds in preparation for 7/4 celebration. Meet at 8:00 at the jail. Rake the cemetery, clean head stones, placed 50 American flags around Southport, move 2 iron benches to Kingsley park (need to be spray painted). 2 will remain at the community garden.

b. . July 4 Parade – Meet at the jail at 9:00 to decorate with equipment we used last year. Aldermen will ride on float as well as anyone else who shows up. Volunteer hours banner will be placed on the back.

c. Water tank - Randy will contact Charles Drew to get specifications on tank we need to purchase for watering. We need to purchase before June 30th.

d. Fall planting at the pump station - Marjorie contributed that the trumpet flower would be good to plant on a trellis at the station in the fall.

e. City stone markers - Find old city street stone street markers to refurbish for future project.

f. Christmas decorations - Will need to buy new icicle string lights this year.

g. New group - Randy, Heather, David Kelly, Tom, Shirley, and Bonnie will meet June 20th at 1:00 The purpose will be to bring town organizations together to state what the town's needs are, what are everyone's expectations, and who is responsible for what duties.

h. Keziah Park - There is a need to develop a design to replace posts around Keziah Park. Bonnie will check with Jeremy Truitt on replacement of cedar shakes on the Keziah Gazebo.

i. Rain Gardens - Think of locations around town for placement of rain gardens.

j. Randy said goodbye to outgoing members, Joy and Shirley. Shirley was presented with a necklace and standing ovation for her faithful and fruitful work on the Beautification Steering Committee.

C. Adjourn: 7:15

Next meeting: July 15th @6:00 pm