

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: March 18, 2019 Minutes taken by: Kate Singley

Location: Fire Department Substation

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

In Attendance: Shirley Snyder, Karen Mosteller-Alderman, Randy Jones- Director of Tourism, Tom Lombardi, Nick Kern, Kate Singley, Marjorie Jones, Joy Mitchell, Karen Mosteller-Alderman @ 7

Absent: David Rhodes, Bonnie Bray

Guests: Lynne & Ken Geiman, Lynn Menches, Eileen Keates-Cape Fear Surfrider Foundation, Penelope North & Bob Renniger, Dave Wages

Approval of February Minutes: approved

A. Old Business

1. Reports from Standing/Special Committees

a. Communications- Joy/Bonnie: - no report

b. Native/Pollinator: Kate: Weeding/planting needs to continue. Thanks to Joe Hardesty for helping with the prep for wildflower area. Thanks to Ken and Lynne for placing the Adirondack chairs and concrete block

c. Forestry: Karen: putting metal fence around Indian tree waiting for city to create work order. Money has been approved Arbor Day on 3/26, 11am Keziah Jim McKee will speak on the roll trees played in the history of the area. Naturefest, 4/27, Speaker Nick Dawson- Landscape Architect/ Orton Plantation

d. Financial: Bonnie: absent, no report

2. Activities

a. March 2 –Waterfront clean up: Coastal Water Watch, Marinais, working with the marina was great along with city crews removal of debris.

b. Southport Day of Service April 6

1. Eileen Keates, Beach Sweep Coordinator, Cape Fear Surfrider Foundation beachcleanups@capefear.surfrider.org Interface with BC/town for SPT day of service. Foundation works toward ocean friendly gardens to filter runoff, plastic task force clean water task force monitors/takes water samples, clean ups Topsail Beach to the SC line. Collect data – create awareness Events: sea grass and Christmas tree planting events, hands across the sand Beachfront and marsh area. Day will start with the breakfast -8am , end with pizza, time for thank you and DOS pins.

2. Review committee site assignments and assessment reports Shirley passed out task document for SPT DOS. Volunteers should bring tools, sign at Lowe White needs painting-Tom will look at it Tom will pick up paint brushes rollers –

Randy feels we need to inventory supplies & dropcloths. -Ken and Tom After inventory will do a paint purchase run- early tomorrow am 8:30a . Visitors center lamp post-take lamp post out –consider getting rid of lamp? Vests: DOT will give us some-Ken Geiman will recommend stain choice –Ken recommended that the oil based stain at waterfront park held up well-any place we did latex BC vote: keep same light color but oil base. Ken and Randy will take care of the stain/paint supplies. Leaders and lists of projects will be sent

3. Spring planting plan –Lynn Menches: looking at Williams and Johnson nursery wholesale. Along with Tish Hatem working up a color palette & list to order

B. New Business

1. Watering Agreement with fire department: need piece for hose can we help purchase? Shirley will check with Chief Drew

2. First Saturday Clean Ups

a. May 4 –spring planting, pruning FSP, ask to have vines pulled FSP, Community building, painting posts @ Visitor Center

b. June 1 Triangle? finish up at Caviness

c. June 29 – Smithville Burying Grounds with Historical Society

3. July 4th parade - float planning

4. Committee membership -2019-2020 David Rhodes has resigned from BC – Lynn Menches has agreed to fill his term through June 2019. Karen Mosteller will check with board and Shirley will check by laws , per resignation & replacement.

C. Adjourn: 7:20

Next meeting: April 15 @6 pm