

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: October 19, 2020 Minutes taken by: Karen Pasquale

Location: Indian Trail Meeting Hall

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Bonnie Bray at: 5:05pm

In Attendance: Bonnie Bray, Nancy Disbrow, Margaret Fontaine, Sharon Lightbourne, Karen Pasquale, Ken and Lynne Geiman, Randy Jones, Tom Lombardi

Absent: Rob Thatcher, Maria Lowther

Guests: none

Approval of September 21, 2020 Minutes: Minutes amended, approved and seconded.

1. Committee Reports

- a. **Native Plant Pollinator Garden(NPPG):** Kate Singley gave notes to Margaret to present in her absence.
 - Human Sundial completed and instructional sign will be posted at the sight.
 - Mason bee house is now in place.
 - Scavenger Hunt is now available at the garden.
 - Kate applied and registered the garden for Monarch Waystation.
 - It was suggested that Rick and Steve put the NPPG on their tour. Margaret will let Kate know to contact them.

- b. **Garden Steward Program:** Lynne
 - An email was sent to all stewards asking if they wish to continue.
 - A few sites are still available and the stewardship program information will be in the newsletter.
 - On Nov 7th, stewards and volunteers will have a walkabout of the sites. Each steward will give a small presentation on what they would like to see done at their site and to come up with ideas.
 - Stewards to discuss what sites need more plants/color.
 - Boat will be left at Caswell and Bay. \$200 donation in Nick's name will be for plants and a sign.

- c. **Financial Report:** Nancy
 - Budget adopted/please see attached.

d. Communication Report: Margaret

- Newsletter is written and submitted to Sharon Venis by the 12th of the month for next month's publication.
- Margaret takes many pictures of the committees work and keeps them on file.

2. Old Business

a. Bylaw Amendments: Bonnie

- 9 person committee/ 6 living within the city limits, 3 in the 28461 zip code.
- 3 meetings missed by a board member and they may be terminated at the discretion of the committee.
- Board meeting is to take place on the 3rd Monday of each month.
- Committee will vote on these changes at the next meeting in November.

b. Holiday Decorations and Schedule: Randy

- Pop ups for holiday decorating are: 11/9, 11/13, 11/16, 11/17.
- BB&T tree will be at the Whittler's Bench. Mayor will light the tree.
- Xmas bags will be at the jailhouse to be picked up by volunteers.
- Sailboat wreaths are at Sunny Point, and after checking the lights and fluffing, the wreaths will be put up by Public Works.
- All Xmas decorating will be done before Thanksgiving.

c. October Cleanup and Recap: Bonnie

- The goal was to get perennials in the ground.
- 26 people attended.
- 8 people attended the pruning workshop.
- Bonnie will finish mulching.

d. Non-Profit Volunteer Hours: Bonnie

- Get a list of all institutions in Southport who use volunteers and add up the hours.
- List this information on a board to be placed on the Committee float for July 4th parade.

3. New Business

a. **Fall Projects:** Bonnie/Lynne/Ken

- Lynne organized a walk about for stewards and volunteers to view and make planting plans for the committee locations.
- Ken will present Fall projects at November meeting.

4. **Adjourned:** 6:40pm

Next meeting: November 16, 2020