

## City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: September 16, 2019 Minutes taken by: Margaret Fontaine

Location: Indian Trail Meeting Hall

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Bonnie Bray at 5:00 pm

**In Attendance:** Randy Jones, Director of Tourism, Tom Lombardi, Nick Kern, Bonnie Bray, Nancy Disbrow, Marjorie Jones, Margaret Fontaine, Karen Mosteller, Alderman

**Absent:** Kate Singley, Sharon Lightbourne

**Guests:** Lynne & Ken Geiman, Lynn Menches, Lowe Davis

### Approval of August Minutes: Approved and seconded

#### 1. Committee Reports

a. Communications- Margaret: Notices for the October 5<sup>th</sup> cleanup day were sent out to regular media outlets except the flyer going out to the City of Southport. Flyer will be sent out at a later date. Reached out to Lisa Anderson concerning Facebook but no contact as yet. Will follow up.

b. Native/Pollinator: Kate: interest in making “meadow” area interactive such as a human sundial. Area to be developed along pathway on either side of butterfly sign. Area around bottom of birdhouse –Carolina Jessamine will be replanted – donated by Marjorie Jones. Sundial was discussed and a proposal was made to reach out to Eagle Scouts for a possible project with a recommendation to reach out to Brian Whitworth from Greenman Landscaping. Randy suggests: Pollinator Garden—needs its own identity - possibly be renamed (Southport Pollinator Garden), to draw attention to it. More discussion needed about a walkway and signage

c. Forestry: Karen: doing well but we won’t know the impact of Florence for 5 years. Few ill affects from Dorian. UDO to update tree ordinance and to be made stronger. Weakness is in vacant lots and need stronger language to include what types of trees have been taken down. The trees in front of old courthouse will have to come down. Forestry will replace with something else. Will get an arborist before anything is done.

d. Financial: Nancy: Balance: \$3000.00

#### 2. Old Business

a. Keziah Park shingles update – Bonnie Bray: estimate for replacing shingles. Is \$4,026. Randy: this is the first bid in writing. Volunteers that worked on updating the Indian Trail Meeting Hall will reroof the gazebo.

b. Old Jail Annex storage update – Randy Jones: All BC tools can be housed at the old Jail Annex

c. New monthly cleanup teams feedback : no feedback at this time.

### 3. New Business

a. Plans to restore Indian Trail Meeting Hall flowerbeds, in concert with the Southport Garden Club – Lynn Menches—Garden Club will use a committee and Margaret Fontaine will represent BC to come up with a landscape plan before grant deadline of October 15. Randy suggested they ask for \$750-800 for the \$1000 grant. Money not awarded until January. Would like to use as many native plants as possible. Maintenance responsibility to be discussed further -Garden club, Beautification, Animal Control? Randy will talk to Animal Control about helping taking care of the plants.

Tom makes a motion that we accept the partnership with the Garden Club for the planting of the area in front of the Meeting Hall. Motion approved.

b. Roundabout flags – Randy Jones- Will order some Southport Flags. \$14-15  
It was proposed that individuals live in Harbor Oaks take over the roundabout.  
Board agreed this is a great idea.

c. Good Samaritan awards – Bonnie Bray—proposes we do a sign or award for the work such as what Lynne and Ken have done. Can nominate at the monthly meeting and then take picture at the cleanup day. Karen can announce at the Alderman meeting. Motion made by Margaret that we award a worthy recipient quarterly and motion is approved.

d. October 5 cleanup in addition to riverfront with Coastal Water Watch – Bonnie:-in addition, certain areas will be mulched. List will be announced on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

e. Holiday Tree Lighting program – Bonnie Bray-Sharon Venis is getting ready for tree lighting. Feedback requested for the deleting the Night Before Christmas from the program. Consensus was that it should be deleted. A sing along with the kids was suggested all agreed that Randy's 92 year old father, Bobby Jones, would light the town Christmas tree.

f. Marjorie Jones suggested the addition of 3 Peace Poles – locations to-be-determined. Tabled until next meeting.

September 7 Cleanup day reports:

**Kingsley Park** reported as cleaned up

**Roundabout** needs debris picked up from the perimeter

There was agreement on the great turnout and the fact that it was well organized.

**Garrison park** pots will be spruced up by Lynn from Garden Club and Margaret from BC as a popup work day

**Waterfront Park**

Work needed around swings across from Waterfront Park  
Painting needed on sign at park

Lowe Davis made a request to the board that she takeover the responsibility of  
Lowe White Park because of her family connections. More discussion to take place.

4. Adjourn: 6:21 pm

Next meeting: October 21, 2019