

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: September 19, 2022 Minutes taken by: Karen Pasquale

Location: Indian Trail Meeting Hall

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Lynne Geiman at: 5:01pm

In Attendance: Lynne Geiman, Ken Geiman, Robert Thatcher, Larry Ashley, Joe Fikentscher, Scott Bushman, Karen Pasquale

Absent: Sharon Lightborne, Margaret Fontaine, Tom Lombardi, Randy Jones

Guests: Kelly and John McDonald

Approval of July 18, 2022 Minutes: Minutes amended, approved and seconded.

Public Comment:

Kelly and John McDonald would like to help with the SBC.

1. Committee Reports

a. Native Plant Pollinator Garden (NPPG): Larry Ashley

- Clean-up work to be done on Wednesday, 9/28/22 at 8:30am.
- Larry states that there has been good feedback on Facebook regarding the pollinator garden.
- Lynne asks that maybe we have a directional sign posted to where the garden is located from central Southport.

b. Communication Report: Larry

- Larry needs photos and any information of the last workday.

c. Youth Outreach: Lynne for Sharon Lightbourne

- Per Sharon, there is nothing to report.

d. Planting/Garden/Steward Program: Lynne

- Lynne states that there is a problem with the muhly grasses throughout Southport due to mealy bugs.
- Our guest, John mentioned that Neem, a natural bug spray, may work on the mealy bugs.
- Lynne stated that all the lantanas in Southport are coming back nicely.

e. Financial Report: Lynne

- Current balance is \$3,000.00.

2. Old Business

a. September Workday Recap, 9/10/22: Lynne

- Twelve people attended the workday.
- Weeding was done down at Waterfront Park.
- At the Jail Annex, the azaleas were but back by the front windows.

b. Signs for the Garden Spots: Rob Thatcher

- Rob went to Sign of Distinction store to get prices on same size signs that the Garden Club has at their locations.
- We are interested in purchasing 3 ½ " x 8" signs for SBC spots.

3. New Business

a. Future Projects: Lynne

- Continue to work on the inside of the Jail Annex.
- Stain benches, tables and swings later in the winter after hurricane season is over.
- Start working on Xmas decorations. There will be much to do in October and November before we decorate Southport.
- Larry will go over to the Community College on Lord Street to see if they agree to fund what work needs to be done around the building and then we will supply the labor.
- Bonnet Creek Monument on Moore Street needs refreshing.
- Lynne thanked all the people who worked on the shed – Ken, Larry, Rob, Scott, Tom and Jim Lightbourne.

b. DSI Planter Boxes at the New Crosswalks: Lynne

- Lynne states that these boxes are not in our budget.
- Boxes are approximately 24" x 5ft x 18" which will require a lot of soil.
- We could help with weeding and clipping in the future, but the biggest problem is watering these planters since there is not a convenient water source. For this reason, all board members agree we could not undertake this project at this time.

c. Other Business: Lynne

- Ken, Rob and Lynne went to the Parks and Recreation Meeting, as private citizens, to pitch the idea of adding 2 bocci courts and 4 disk golf locations.
- If the city funds this project, Lynne will ask our committee if any volunteers are interested in helping the city with labor on this project.
- Next workday is 10/1/22.

4. Adjourned: 5:46pm

Next meeting: October 17, 2022