

## City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

**Date:** June 19 2023 Minutes taken by: Margaret Fontaine and Sharon Lightborne, typed up by Karen Pasquale

**Location:** Indian Trail Meeting Hall

**Quorum determined:** Meeting called to order by Lynne Geiman at: 5:03pm

**In Attendance:** Margaret Fontaine, Ken and Lynne Geiman, Robert Thatcher, Larry Ashley, Joe Fikentscher, Randy Jones, Sharon Lightborne, Scott Bushman

**Absent:** Karen Pasquale, Tom Lombardi

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of May 16, 2023 Minutes:** Minutes amended, approved and seconded.

### 1. Committee Reports

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

- Nothing to report.
- Lynne added that the pollinator garden has been given a space on 6/21/23 to set up a table at the Wednesday market at Franklin Square Park.

**b. Communication Report:** Larry Ashley

- Nothing to report.

**c. Youth Outreach:** Sharon Lightbourne

- Nothing new to report.

**d. Planting/Garden/Steward Program:** Lynne

- Lynne planted flowers in the ITMH planter boxes and the Visitor Center urns.

**e. Financial Report:** Lynne

- Balance as of 6/19/23 is \$1948.08

## 2. Old Business

### a. June Workday Recap – 6/3/23: Lynne

- 21 people attended.
- Picnic tables and garbage surrounds at the Waterfront Park were stained.
- Weeding was done at the Roundabout, Garrison Lawn, Waterfront grasses, Stede Bonnet Memorial and fire house substation.
- Flowers were planted at the Fire Station.
- Holiday tape markers were removed from the telephone poles.

### b. Update Project – Taylor Field Picnic tables/benches: Lynne

- Progress continues with the benches and tables at the field.
- The first handicapped picnic table has been completed.
- Via email, Heather from Parks and Rec expressed her thanks to SBC for all they do.

### c. Update: History Marker Auction: Lynne

- Auction started on 5/31 and will end on June 24th.
- Amount raised so far is \$7,900.00.
- SBC share may be used for the holiday lights project.

## 3. New Business

### a. Workdays: Lynne

- No monthly workdays for July and August.
- SBC will hold a meeting in July but no monthly meeting in August.

### b. Future projects for the summer (pop ups): Lynne

- Sign painting – Kingsley Park, Kingsley Rd/Moore, sign across from Potters and map at Waterfront Park.
- Stain the swings across the road on Bay Street.
- Stain benches by Old City Hall building and on Dry Street
- Paint white caps and poles on Garrison Lawn.
- Fix popped nails on Salt Marsh walkway.
- Nick's boat needs cleaning and/or painting.
- Life Buoy stand across from the boat – possible applique or lettering.

- What to do with the garden in the middle of Oliver's parking lot? Place cement in it or put an anchor there? Sharon will look into these ideas.
- Signs for gardens – the committee decided not to purchase any signs. Instead, we will make use of signs in the jail annex to put in the ground as we work to show what SBC is doing.
- The Caviness Park stage and railing needs redoing. We will ask Heather. The Caviness Park tables need staining.

**c. July 4<sup>th</sup> Float:** Lynne

- July 4<sup>th</sup> float – do we want to decorate with flowers and flags? We will wear the new SBC shirts for the parade.
- Randy got us the float and SBC members will be on the float with the aldermen and visitor center workers.
- Lynne will get flags for some of the Garrison gardens and for the use on the float.

**d. Christmas Wreath Project:** Randy

- Randy has not yet received a call back from Mosca Lighting.
- We think we need (50) C-7 LED bulbs per wreath for colored bulbs.
- We have 60 wreaths and need 50 bulbs per wreath, equaling 3,000 lights.
- 1,000 lights will cost around \$860.00.
- Randy will ask Mosca if cut crystal lights or smooth are brighter or stronger.
- White lights will remain only on the sailboat center.
- Unanimous vote for red and green lights only on the wreaths. Sharon will look into the cost of these bulbs.

**e. Balance of Budget Expenses:** Lynne

- Additional receipts to be submitted to the city before FYE.

**f. Beautification Applicants for Open Positions:** Lynne

- No applications have been received yet from the city clerk.

**g. Any other Business:** Lynne

- Cemetery Committee needs a representative from SBC chairperson.
- Lynne will send in an application.

**4. Adjourned:** 6:26pm

**Next meeting:** July 17, 2023