

## City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

**Date:** September 18, 2023 Minutes taken by: Karen Pasquale

**Location:** Indian Trail Meeting Hall

**Quorum determined:** Meeting called to order by Lynne Geiman at: 5:00pm

**In Attendance:** Ken and Lynne Geiman, Robert Thatcher, Larry Ashley, Joe Fikentscher, Tom Lombardi, Randy Jones, Scott Bushman, Karen Pasquale

**Absent:** none

**Guests:** Karen Brennan, Dianne Lucas

**Approval of July 17, 2023 Minutes:** Minutes amended, approved and seconded.

### 1. Committee Reports

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

- The new butterfly sign has been installed.
- Larry suggests that mulch be laid down.
- Kate Singley asked the board for their opinion on where to put the Bee City sign.
- The board likes the idea of the sign on the birdhouse pole in the back of the garden.

#### b. Communication Report: Larry Ashley

- Larry will send pictures to the State Pilot of the SBC workdays.

#### c. Youth Outreach: Lynne

- Lynne will send an email to the HS contacts regarding students volunteering on our work days.
- The SBC committee suggests to drop this position.

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

- Lynne states that the plants did well over the summer even in spite of the heat.

#### e. Financial Report: Lynne

- Balance as of 9/18/23 is \$3,000.00

## 2. Old Business

### a. Sign Standardization: Lynne

- Randy gave a presentation at the Alderman meeting regarding the look of our city signs. He asked that the city and park signs have a uniformity in their appearance.

### b. July/ August Workdays plus Summer Pop up recap: Lynne

- SBC did not have any Saturday workdays in July or August.
- Pop ups were: Staining on Bay Street, Kezia Park, and Franklin Square.

### c. September workday 9/16/23: Lynne

- Garrison Lawn and Museum tables were stained.
- Playground behind the Southport Community Center tables were stained.
- Kingsley tables were stained.
- Weeding on Garrison and Waterfront was done.
- 12 people attended.

### d. SBC Board Candidates: Lynne

- We have 4 candidates.

## 3. New Business

### a. Yacht Basin Sign: Lynne

- Ken used the original wood and similar shape of the sign.
- Larry straightened out the pole for the sign.
- The pole will be painted orange.

### b. Yacht Basin Boat: Lynne

- The boat will need a good scaping and then a coat of marine paint.
- The rudder needs to be fixed.

**c. Additional Sign Painting:** Lynne

- Whittlers Bench sign needs to be painted.
- Randy stated that the bench belongs to the city and he will find out if we can paint it.
- The raised concrete map next to the pier needs to be painted.

**d. Holiday Lights and Funding:** Lynne

- SBC will buy 130 packages of pure white light bulbs for the sailboat piece: 2 packages of white bulbs per wreath for 65 wreaths.
- We bought the green and red lights for the wreath section.
- Lynne will discuss with Randy the cost which should be around \$3,000.
- Lynne asked Randy about the auction money from the Historical Markers and if that money could be used for the cost of the light bulbs.

**e. Holiday Decoration Planning Dates:** Lynne

- Randy stated that the Fire Dept will give us a bay to work on the wreaths during the 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks of November.
- The committee asked if we could have the date moved up to October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Randy will check with the Fire Dept.
- Randy will also check with the electrical company regarding placing the wreaths on the poles by November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Lynne will go thru the bins and check the lights. She will need extra help.
- Randy stated that December 1<sup>st</sup> will be the lighting of the tree ceremony.
- SBC will serve hot chocolate for the festivities.

**f. Future Work:** Lynne

- Painting of the Garrison Lawn posts.
- We need to do something with the “garden” in the Oliver’s parking spot.
- Caviness Stage: proposal of the replacement of floor boards and handrails. We will do the work and the city will buy the material.

**g. October workday – 10/7/23:** Lynne

- Weeding at the JC building.
- 3 benches on Moore Street near the Old City Hall need staining.
- 2 benches near Dry Street need staining.
- 2 tables in Franklin Square Park need staining.

**h. Any other business:**

- Scott suggested that the Salt Marsh Sign could be refreshed in the winter.

**4. Adjourned:** 6:00pm

**Next meeting:** October 16, 2023