

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: October 16th Minutes taken by: Lynne Geiman, typed up 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

Absent: Karen Pasquale

Guests: Karen Brennan

Public Comment: None

Approval of September 18th, 2023 Minutes: Minutes amended, approved and seconded.

1. Committee Reports

a. Native Plant Pollinator Garden (NPPG): Lynne

- Kate Singley is away therefore no report.
- Randy gave Lynne a pamphlet on “Butterfly Highway” which is from the Wildlife Preservation along with some native plant seeds.
- Lynne will pass it onto Kate and discuss.

b. Communication Report: Larry Ashley

- Larry submitted information and photos on SBC’s latest projects (staining efforts around town).

c. Planting/Garden/Steward Program: Lynne

- Nothing to report.

d. Financial Report: Lynne

- Balance as of 10/16/23 is \$3,000.00.

2. Old Business

a. History Marker Auction Final Results: Lynne

- Lynne is keeping a spreadsheet for accounting for the SBC share of auction profit. A handout was given at the meeting showing \$3,709.33 as the SBC share.
- \$2,301.69 was spent on Christmas bulbs for the sailboat wreaths.
- Balance in account as of 10/16/23 is \$1,407.64.

b. Waterfront Mag Painting Project: Joe Fikentscher/Scott Bushman

- This project has been put on hold.
- More information is needed as to whether we should proceed on this right now.
- At this point in time, we will paint the cleats near the map.

c. Rudder Project: Ken Geiman/Larry Ashley

- Ken finished the new rudder using parts from the old rudder.
- Ken and Larry installed the completed rudder on 10/15/23.

d. Marsh Walk Sign Update: Lynne

- No decision has yet to be made on whether SBC has the okay to make a new sign.
- If we get the okay, it will be in line with the sign standardization colors.

e. SBC Board Candidates: Lynne

- Three interviews will be held on 10/19/23.
- A fourth interview will be held the following week.

f. 10/7/23 Workday: Lynne

- 13 people attended (7 board members and 6 other volunteers).
- JC Building was mulched.
- Northwood Cemetery was weeded and mulched.
- Community Building was weeded.
- 2 benches on Dry Street and 2 tables at Franklin Sq Park were stained and 3 benches on Moore Street.

3. New Business

a. Library Project: Rob Thatcher/Lynne

- Carol from the library reached out to Rob to see if SBC might be interested in putting up a fence in the back of the library.
- Lynne emailed Carol saying she will discuss with the board and asked if we could have more specific details.
- At the time of this meeting, no information had been provided, therefore no further discussion was held among the board.

b. Christmas Trees: Lynne

- A few board members will meet on 10/17/23 to put the artificial trees in the Community Building.

c. Holiday Decoration Planning Dates: Lynne

- Joe and Scott will start to tag poles.
- Wreaths will arrive on 10/23/23.
- Bulbs will be put in place on the wreaths from 10/23 to 11/17.
- Wreaths will go up in the eve on 11/26 and will be done by the morning of the 27th.
- Garland and bows will be put up around 11/27th.
- Town workers will check all bulbs and string lights for the city buildings.
- SBC will check Christmas trees and tag for location spots.
- Big City tree will go up 11/27.
- Tree lighting on 12/1.
- All dates to be confirmed.
- We need to get more Christmas bulbs for the large tree downtown.

d. Future Work: Lynne

- Garrison posts.
- Caviness stage.
- Painting of yacht basin boat using rust encapsulated metal paint.
- Oliver's parking lot garden spot.

e. November 4th workday: Lynne

- Holiday related work.
- Randy may have contact for possible student help for workday.

f. Any Other Business: Lynne

- None.

4. Adjourned: 6pm

Next meeting: November 20, 2023