

## City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

**Date:** January 15, 2024 Minutes taken by: Karen Pasquale and Lynne Geiman

**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, Joe Fikentscher, Scott Bushman, Karen Pasquale, Karen Brennan, Karen Mosteller

**Absent:** Larry Ashley, Allayna Dail

**Guests:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of November 20, 2023 Minutes:** Minutes amended, approved and seconded.

### 1. Committee Reports

#### a. Native Plant Pollinator Garden (NPPG): Lynne

- Kate Singley will be renewing Bee City status and will send the \$100.00 renewal fee.
- Kate is looking for a new leader for the Pollinator Garden as she will be stepping down.
- Lynne gave a brief idea of what would be involved and asked if anyone on the committee was interested or if anyone knew of someone who may be interested.
- Lynne will ask Allayna to perhaps put something on social media for this position.

#### b. Communication Report: Lynne

- Nothing to report.
- Lynne will look into possibly updating our city web page.

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

- Nothing to report.
- There will be more to come as we look into the garden spots for spring planting.
- We need to revisit the planters at the Southport Community Building and who will water them moving forward.

**d. Financial Report:** Lynne

- Balance is \$3,000.00.
- A receipt for approximately \$1,000.00 will be submitted for previous purchases, mostly for stain.
- The balance on the Historical Society books for our auction profit is \$1,407.64

**2. Old Business**

**a. Marsh Walk Sign Update:** Lynne

- SBC worked on the city signs except the Marsh Walk sign.
- The city may change and update all the signs under a new city standardization.

**b. Waterfront Map and Cleats Painting:** Joe

- SBC is still looking into the best options on how to proceed on the painting of the ground map at Waterfront Park.
- Paint has been purchased from Spectrum to paint the cleats.

**c. December Pop-Ups/Christmas:** Lynne

- Lynne thanked Joe and Scott for their preliminary work for picking the poles for the Xmas Wreaths.
- City tagged all the poles for the wreaths.
- The city bought the hot chocolate and cookies and SBC served the drinks and cookies to the public during the tree lighting ceremony.

**3. New Business**

**a. 2024 Christmas Updates:** Lynne

- Joe and Lynne organized the bows and garland for next Xmas.
- Allayna may buy a bow maker for SBC if we decide to make bows.
- The Garden Club gave us some bows for next year and Lynne will reciprocate and give them some mulch.
- Lynne bought on sale at Walmart, 10 bows for \$1.25 per bow.
- We will need to work on the big tree placed at the Oliver's parking lot 3 weeks before because some Xmas balls need to be replaced and/or possibly added.

- Lynne will speak with Larry about ideas for decorating the Waterfront Sign for Xmas.
- Lynne asked Karen Mosteller to speak with the city manager about the rat problem in the SBC storage area which has become a serious problem.

**b. February workday - 2/3/24:** Lynne

- We will need to do some pruning and trim back the lantanas and grasses in town.

**c. Future Spring Projects:** Lynne

- We need to clean, scrape and paint Nick's boat down at the Yacht Basin.
- Lynne will check on how much mulch we currently have for the spring.
- We plan on painting the posts on Garrison Lawn and to fix the lamp post ground cover area.
- Oliver's parking lot needs to be redone. A possible thought is to fill it in with cement.
- Karen Mosteller suggested that after it is filled in, we get artists to do some paintings on the cement.

**d. Any other business or committee comments:** Lynne

- On behalf of SBC, Lynne thanked Allayna and Public Works for their help and cooperation for the Xmas decorating of the town.

**e. Board Liaison Comments:** Karen Mosteller

- Karen is very happy to be our board liaison.

**4. Adjourned:** 6:17pm

**Next meeting:** February 19, 2023