

**Beautification Committee
October 4, 2021
Assembly Hall
3:30 PM**

Minutes

- **Call to Order:** Dee called the meeting to order at 3:30

Attendees: Mike Apke, Kevin Brewer, Janice Cantelou, Janet Farrell, Kim Gilley, Brenda Harvey, Jane Hogeman, Dee Johnson, Peggy Johnson, Mary Hall Koontz, Amy McKenzie, Lorelei Milan, Tony Persico, Molly Rowell, Joanne Valdes,

- **Approval of Minutes:** Molly moved to accept the minutes and Tony seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
- **Budget- Brewer**
Budget for 2021-2022 FY
Kevin noted the Clarendon Gardens grant of \$2,000 as the only new entry in the budget. The grant was approved.
- **Calendar- Brewer –**

Date	Action	People Involved
October 4 week	Plant Gateway signs	B&G Staff
October 19	Planting Day downtown	Joanne Valdes, Matt Whitaker-Green Haven, Kevin Brewer, B&G staff to unload plants. Garden Club Members
October 19 week	Plant annuals in Tuft's Park	Kevin Brewer, B&G staff
October 19 week	Remove hanging baskets downtown for the winter	Matt Whitaker
November 15	Put up the large Christmas tree	B&G staff, Events staff, Kevin Brewer
November 16-17	Decorate the large Christmas tree	B&G staff, Events staff, Kevin Brewer

November 17-19	Put out Christmas tree clusters	B&G staff, Events staff, Kevin Brewer
November 17	Hang wreaths downtown and big swags	Linden Garden Club, Public Services, Beautification Committee
November 17	Hang swags on the signposts	Pinehurst Garden Club members
December 3	Christmas tree lighting	Events staff, B&G staff
December 14	Christmas Decorating Contest judging	Amy McKenzie, Guest Judges
January 4	Take down Christmas tree and tree clusters	B&G staff, Events staff
TBD	Take down wreaths	Linden Garden Club, Public Services, Beautification members
January 4	Take down swags	Pinehurst Garden Club

Planting Day Downtown is on October 19th and Kevin mentioned that it is open for anyone who would like to participate. The planting will begin at 8:30 a.m.

- **Beautification Grant**
 - a) New applications: No new applications
- **Old Business -**
 - Projects Update
 - Railroad trestle – Jeff called another contractor in Raleigh. Waiting for a response.
 - Report from Business Guild – All businesses are getting geared up for Holly Arts. Kim reported that the group does have some money to allow them to partner with us on a project.

We still have the lights removed from the wreaths if some business would need some to decorate for Christmas.

Molly suggested that the committee consider offering a thank you note and personal visit to businesses that have done something positive to beautify the Village.

Molly asked that we investigate a possible unified business signage project that would add to the quaint feel in the Village. There was discussion about looking at the final comprehensive report, and Kevin and Jane noted that signage in the Village is highly regulated. It was decided that Molly would contact Alex Cameron to consider questions and possibilities for the project.

- Christmas Judging Date – Amy announced that Christmas Decorating judging will take place on December 14th. Committee members will prejudge from the 10th to the 13th and Lorelei and Amy will review the choices.
- Retaining wall bid – Kevin said that there is a contractor and P.O. approved. The project will probably start the first week of November.

- **New Business –**

- Reminder: Planting Downtown Oct 19. All help is welcomed.

- Other Items –

Mike reported regarding litter pickup. The Solid Waste employees have an Employees Activity Committee and there is a discussion in the group about the possibility of an employee litter sweep this fall.

Tony reiterated that signage about the fines for littering could help.

Dee has tried to connect with Keep Moore County Beautiful but has not heard back about dates for pick up. She will continue to reach out.

- Concern about a way to screen the utility boxes at Dalrymple and Midland. This has been addressed before and due to utility lines there is no solution.
 - Jeff is waiting to hear for a possible start date from the consultant on the Village updating before reviewing and proceeding.
 - Irrigation for HY 5 – Kevin said that one bid is in and is under the budget, but he is required to get more than one bid.
- **Motion to Adjourn.** Tony moved to adjourn the meeting and Mary Hall seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20.
 - *Meetings of BC are held the first Monday of the months indicated at 3:30 PM.*
 - a) Next Meeting Dates 2021 - November 1, December 6