

**Beautification Committee
August 2, 2021
Assembly Hall
3:30 PM**

Minutes

- **Call to Order:**

Dee called the meeting to order at 3:30.

Attendees: Mike Apke, Jeff Batton, Lydia Boesch, Kevin Brewer, Janice Cantelou, Jane Hogeman, Dee Johnson, Peggy Johnson, Mary Hall Koontz, Amy McKenzie, Adriana Peratsakis, Lorelei Milan, Tony Persico, Molly Rowell

- **Approval of Minutes:**

Mary Hall moved to accept the minutes and Tony seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

- **Budget-**

Budget for 2021-2022 FY –

Kevin remarked that no money has been spent so far this budget year.

It was agreed to proceed with the project from HWY5/211 intersection to the area near McDonald Rd. Jeff is to let us know if it is involved in the Small Area Plan before the project proceeds. Dee asked for timing and Jeff responded that it could begin later in August, but it may take until Spring to complete. Jeff said he would like to coordinate with Mark Thompson (DOT) about their possible cooperation.

- **Calendar-** Kevin presented the calendar

Date	Action	People Involved
September 15	Spring plant order	Garden Club, Matt Whitaker, Kevin Brewer
September 30	Plant containers downtown (Pine Branch) and stacked stone planters (Bart Jr.)	Garden Club-Pine Branch, Bart Jr., Kevin Brewer, Matt Whitaker-Green Haven
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
TBD	Hang wreaths downtown and big swags	Linden Garden Club, Public Services, Beautification Committee
TBD	Hang swags on the signposts	Pinehurst Garden Club members
December 3	Christmas tree lighting	Events staff, B&G staff
TBD	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
TBD	Take down swags	Pinehurst Garden Club

- Kevin suggested that his crews plant the Gateway Signs.
- Jeff stated as it stands now we won't have to provide plants for the traffic circle.

- **Beautification Grant-**
No new applications
- **Old Business -**
 - **Projects Update**
 - Railroad trestle – Jeff reached out to four new companies and will report back.
 - Litter Pick-up – sub-committee status – Tony reported about the summer meeting with Keep Moore County Beautiful where they put together a cleanup calendar program along with Sustainable Sandhills. There was an event on July 17. Beautification Committee members can notify Dee on areas that need cleaning, and she will forward the information. There will be a pickup event on the third Saturday of each month. Tony proposed that attention be paid to posting signs stating that Littering is illegal. There was discussion concerning safety for the volunteers. Kevin noted that DOT has a safety video that could be shared, and Dee will reach out to promote the safety issues. Tony suggested that we ask for citizen’s patrol to use flashing light on locations. Molly would like to hear about the total collected.

- Report from Business Guild – Kim – no report

- **Other Items:**
Question on the Storage Building. Plans for the new storage building are being made and then it will be put out for bid.

There is a process that has begun for landscape architectural consultation for a facelift for the downtown village.

Dee noted hearing complaints about trash pickup schedule in village. Mike is aware of the problem

Molly proposed that we reconnect with the neighborhood association organizations and Tony asked about a list of contacts.

Molly would like to keep focused on the section from Blake to Monticello and Jeff said we should know about the Small Area Plan in a few months.

- **New Business**

Mary Hall wants to make sure the bows are right. She and Molly will talk with Janet to see if this has been considered.

Kristen Bunton is the new communications director.

- **Comments from attendees.** None
- **Motion to Adjourn.** Tony moved to adjourn the meeting and Kevin seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:45.

- *Meetings of BC are held the first Monday of the months indicated at 3:30 PM.*
 - a) Next Meeting Dates 2021 - September 13 (not on Labor Day), October 4, November 1, December 6

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