

**Beautification Committee  
September 12, 2016  
Council Conference Room  
3:30**



## **MINUTES**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Chairman Molly Rowell, Jeff Batton, Walt Morgan, Kevin Brewer, Mary Hall Koontz, Lorraine Tweed, Councilman John Bouldry

**Committee Members Absent:** Brenda Lyne Blackwell, Amy Mc Kenzie, Kim Gilley, Chris Burrows, Randy Murzyn

### **Call to Order.**

Chairperson Molly Rowell called the meeting to order. Molly welcomed everyone back after the two-month summer break. She shared a photograph of the new Pinehurst Gateway sign on Morganton Road across from CCNC. She acknowledged the excellent work by Kevin Brewer and his crew on the planting beds surrounding the sign. She also recognized the strong support and collaboration from the CCNC Garden Club and the staff. She reviewed the organizational changes to create the Pinehurst Appearance Committee. The Beautification Committee will become the Beautification Subcommittee under the Appearance Committee umbrella. The BC functions will continue as they have been.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

The last meeting was a special luncheon, and no minutes were taken.

### **Budget- *Brewer and Rowell***

Kevin Brewer went over the status of the budget. YTD \$ 1953.18 in operating budget expenses which covered the initial expenses for the gateway sign on Morganton Road. \$21,321.82 remain in the budget which includes \$8275 which rolled over from the previous budget. There are \$5000 available for grant funds. The Committee approved the purchase of a new cluster of trees for Christmas which Kevin researched. This cluster will go in the triangle in front of the Theater Building. Kevin and Jeff will check the condition of the packages for all clusters and make certain new ones are constructed for the new cluster.

### **Calendar- *Brewer and Rowell***

Kevin presented a detailed calendar for the very busy month of October. This included dates for ordering spring plants, prepping containers downtown, planting stacked stone areas and containers downtown, removing summer annuals and prepping all areas, planting day (October 18<sup>th</sup>), and removing hanging baskets for the winter.

### **Beautification Grant- *Batton, Burrows, Tweed***

Jeff Batton reported that there is no new information to convey regarding Beautification Grants.



### **Old Business - Rowell**

#### **a) Update on Hanging Baskets and Containers**

The Committee acknowledged that the extreme and continuous heat of this summer made it difficult to maintain the hanging baskets and containers. Many plants did not survive. Kevin Brewer will review all options as he prepares the spring order for next year.

#### **b) Gateway Signs Project**

Five additional gateway signs will complete the project. Jeff Batton recommended that that we ask the sign company to erect the five remaining signs at one time. The planting beds, lights, and irrigation could follow. The Committee agreed.

#### **c) Christmas Decorations**

Walt Morgan and Mary Hall Koontz will contact the leader of the Business Partners to discuss the suggestions the Committee has shared with the Executive Director.

#### **d) Plant Bed Inspections**

The Committee discussed altering the inspections schedule to make them more efficient and effective.

### **VII. New Business - Rowell**

- a) Walt Morgan gave a review of the progress on the remodeling project in the Public Services area. The Committee volunteered to help with landscaping when the time is appropriate.
- b) Kevin Brewer reviewed proposed changes to the 'tear drop' plantings beds near the parking area in front of the businesses in the core Village. The suggestions for more appropriate and colorful plantings were made by the owner of Gentleman's Corner.
- c) Molly Rowell announced that the Pinehurst Garden Club is interested in collaborating with the BC on a major project and is offering substantial financial resources. The Committee discussed a few options for such a project including the entrance to the Harness Track and landscaping along Highway 211 as it approaches Pinehurst.

### **Next Meeting Date - October 3, 2016**

**Comments from attendees.** There were no further comments.

### **Motion to Adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45p.m. Lorraine Tweed made the motion; Mary Hall Koontz seconded.

### **Respectively submitted by:**

Molly Rowell

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