

Beautification Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2015



Meeting was called to order by Molly Rowell at 3:30pm.

Members Present: Brenda Blackwell, Marylyn Bonville, Kevin Brewer, Chris Burrows, Ginsey Fallon, Kim Gilley, Amy McKenzie, Walt Morgan, Molly Rowell, Lorraine Tweed, (John Strickland). Not present: Diane Halleen, Mary Hall Koontz, Randy Morgan, Andy Wilkison, (Jeff Batton)

Discussions:

Workshop: Program for Gardening in Deer Country to be presented on Sept. 26th at Village Hall

New wreaths: Bids for new wreaths for Light posts in the Village were secured by Brenda Blackwell. Two bids were over \$18,000, and the best one was from Carl Klabitiz for \$5800. It was decided to go with his bid as he enjoys a good reputation. There was some discussion on the possibility of Robbins purchasing the old wreaths.

Budget: Kevin Brewer presented the BC 2015 budget of \$20,000. The new wreaths are the most expensive item. Mums in pots for Village containers come next week. The Spring order is due by the end of September. He is working on a new planting system for the pots for Planting Day.

Fall Village Planting: October 6th is planting day for Garden Club members to put in first batch of pansies downtown followed by a later planting later in October for Tufts Park when other pansies are ready.

Container Planting: October 8th containers planted

Landscape Inspections: All pots, baskets, and landscape in public areas are now checked four times each year.

Project Repair and Maintenance: Women's Exchange needs some changes and sprucing up. Dogwood Group came up with preliminary ideas to replace bushes and plants that experienced winter kill. The committee tentatively approved the project pending final design plan and cost estimates.

New Business:

- Molly Rowell and Jeff Batton met with CCNC Garden Club representatives to collaborate with BC on a new project-(triangle in front of CCNC entrance). Irrigation would be needed to hook into their water supply. The encroachment fee would be \$2000.

Kevin Brewer would generate the design. The project was tentatively approved until we get the final figures. Some concern mentioned that it was not in the Village central area.

- Hwy. #5 and McKenzie require 20 more azaleas' (5-7 gal. size)
- The CAC wants to clean up the lot across from the Police Station and with our help plant wire grass and pines.
- It was discussed that Mistletoe Meadows should receive some promotion in our next Village Newsletter regarding the location of their Christmas Tree and Wreath sales operation. We are not selling their product this year.
- Lauren Craig's updates:
 - Ethics Policy form must be signed by all every year.
 - Flu shots will be available for volunteers on certain dates.
 - New Programs- Reward and Recognition Yearly awards
 - Champion Club Program is open to all. It is based on customer focus, innovation, individual performance, adherence to VOP core values. Forms and more information found on Village Website- awards presented at annual volunteer luncheon.
 - Lunch on Us Program: Council appointed committee will decide on recipients' for lunch with council and manager. Winner(s) based on the success of a major action plan.
 - Applause Award: It's a thank you card filled out by one individual and given to the Village to send to the individual. Cards are on the website.
 - Annual Volunteer Luncheon: If people served 4 or more years on a committee but are not still serving they are entitled to a brick on the Volunteer Walk at the front of the Village Hall.
 - All members of Committees are entitled to enroll in the Federal Credit Union. They also are eligible for a 10% discount on Village Parks and Rec classes
- Chairman Molly Rowell. Presented a Proposal for Alternative Format for the Pinehurst Beautification Effort (a thorough document was presented at the meeting including her decision to resign as Chair commencing in March 2016))

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.