



## **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013**

**TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

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The Community Enhancement Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at the Town Hall meeting room from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. The following individuals were in attendance: Sue Callaway, Chair; George Junkin; Carol Stevenson; Kent and Bobbe Stephan and Don Chrobot and Ron Watts, Maintenance staff. Also in attendance was Pete Brockstedt, Code Enforcement Inspector.

Sue Callaway welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no public comments.

### **Earth Day Celebration – April 22, 2013, Sue Callaway**

Sue began the discussion by thanking Mayor Jankowski for attending the event; Don and Ron for their work and planning; Carol Stevenson for her photography skills; and Kent and Bobbe Stephans for their assistance with the town's Earth Day observance. It was a successful event and greatly enhanced the canal end along York Road. Sue noted that she will be updating the Earth Day article for the Zephyr newspaper that will be mailed on May 1. The group then discussed the appropriate choice for pavers to direct people to the bench. Don agreed to purchase stone squares and place them as soon as possible (*installed on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>!*). In addition, the group discussed the bench and the need for benches at other newly adopted canal ends. Time and weather permitting, Don will stain the existing York Road bench to "liven" it up some! Don stated that wooden benches cost about \$100 per bench including materials and labor.

### **Update on Spring Landscaping - Don Chrobot**

Don stated that Mike Lord will be finishing the annuals planting in RH Memorial Park and along Route 1 in the circle beds, Welcome beds and rain gardens during the early

part of May. Cold and rainy weather has limited the opportunities to finish these tasks. Flowers for the Ocean Drive planters will be purchased from Chantel and maintenance will plant during the early part of May as well. When asked about the Cat Hill entrance, Don and Ron said they are primarily perennials but will double check their condition.

### **Town Hall Directional Sign**

The new Town Hall directional sign is being constructed and will be installed prior to Memorial Day. Don stated that the new pole and updated arm are ready for sign installation. Sue thanked SB property owners Lori and Frank Cicero for their generous contribution.

### **Review of New Trash Ordinance and Property Maintenance Ordinance**

Sue noted that the Town Council had voted final approval of the revised trash ordinance on April 12<sup>th</sup> and that the "Trash Talk" flyer outlining trash requirements and photos would be mailed along with the town tax bill the last week of April. This enclosure will help ensure that every property owner receives the information. When asked, Pete thought that the revisions would enhance the appearance of the town and help make enforcement of compliance more clear. Sue informed the group that the property maintenance ordinance was back on track for its third and final reading at the May 10<sup>th</sup> TC meeting and the revisions would clarify home maintenance issues and needed improvement in clarifying consequences of non-compliance.

### **Update on Ocean Drive Alternative Lighting - Don Chrobot**

As discussed at previous meetings, the CEC has been exploring alternative lighting options to the street lights installed by Delmarva Power at two locations. Don presented to the group a decorative, solar-powered street lamp that he recently purchased. Don pointed out that due to regulations, when permanently installed, if located on the east side of Ocean Drive it would have to be mounted on a wood base while if located on the west side of Ocean Drive it could be mounted with a concrete base. After discussion, the group agreed to temporarily position the full lamp with base on the east side by the walkway and the light top on a post on the west side. *CEC members are asked to view the lights (see S. 2<sup>nd</sup> and S. 8<sup>th</sup>) and provide Don with feedback on location, appearance and quality of lighting.* Don noted that the street lamps are made of aluminum but will still be subject to weathering and are not available in white and or with higher wattage.

### **Presentation on Decorative Electrical Poles - Kent Stephan**

While visiting in Florida this year, both Kent and Bobbe Stephan and Kathy Jankowski discovered decoratively painted electric power poles. Liking the look, Kent took photographs and presented the potential idea of duplicating this idea in South Bethany. The idea was met with some skepticism but after discussion the group agreed that before the idea goes any further that it is necessary to explore the following: confirm with Delmarva Power that such a project would be allowable and present the idea to local South Bethany artist Tara Grimm to assess her interest and ensure high artistic quality. Sue stated that she was on the fence about the idea, but if permitted and well-planned she could see a trial pole in front of York Beach Mall shopping center to draw attention to the center. The group agreed that if allowable and artistic requirements are met, the idea would need to be presented to Council for approval.

### **Adopt Program Update - Sue Callaway**

Sue updated the group on 5 new Adoptions that are in the works! Sue thanked Don for arranging to have all junipers removed from the newly adopted canal ends. Bobbe and Carol discussed the revisions to the modification of the Adopt Notification Letter and Response Form prepared by Sharon Nonn. The group agreed to move forward with using the revised letter and form.

### **Adjournment**

The group adjourned at 2:30 pm. No date was confirmed for the next meeting.