



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 – 10:00 AM

TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

Announcement of participating CEC Members and acknowledgement of absences:

The following CEC members were present: Sue Callaway, Chair; Donna Farrow, Diann Nazarian, Bobbe Stephan, Kent Stephan, Carol Stevenson, and Jon Stiffler, Public Works Supervisor. Garnet Timabario was absent.

Approval of 5-18-18 CEC Meeting Summary

After a review of the summary, Diann Nazarian motioned her approval and Bobbe Stephan seconded the motion. There was no discussion regarding changes thus the group voted in favor of the motion.

CEC Member Discussion – Open Comments

- Sue agreed to follow-up with the Town Manager regarding the placement of the bell donated by George Junkin and family. The CEC agreed to recommend locating the bell in the landscaped area in front of town hall.
- Sue announced that Frank Weisgerber would build the children's LFL over the winter and that it would be ready for a spring installation.
- Kent Stephan noted that the Planning Commission has been working on a proposed South Bethany lighting plan for 18 months and wondered why it had not been presented yet. The consensus was that Kent should contact the PC directly.
- Carol Stevenson wondered if Boy Scout troops might become involved with landscaping maintenance as part of their community service or badge work.

- Sue had received an inquiry expressing concern about the neon sign recently installed at the business located at the corner of Evergreen and Route 1. The homeowner's concern was that South Bethany businesses could do the same. Sue agreed to follow-up with Code Enforcement regarding our current sign ordinances.

Public Works Update

Newly appointed Public Works Supervisor, Jon Stiffler reported that they were busy putting equipment away as summer has come to an end. With the threat of Hurricane Florence, they had to quickly move lifeguard stands, mobi mats, trash cans, Ocean Drive artwork, and anything else that could be blown or washed away! He noted that they are also researching the types and costs of newer mobi mats as there have been several requests for additional mats on walkways. The current older ones are very heavy when filled with sand and removal and cleaning is labor intensive. Diann Nazarian initiated a conversation about landscaping in the Route 1 median and asked about the crepe myrtles and asked if the winter cutting back of the crepe myrtles had improved their blooms. She also asked how we could improve the landscaping of several bio-retention beds. We also addressed the need for more weeding of the circle beds and York Beach Mall beds. Sue noted that the Shenandoah grasses appeared to be one of the better grasses to use and that the Inland Bays Garden Center could order them for us. The group agreed that Public Works would purchase the fall decorations for the North and South Welcome Areas and if help was needed, CEC would volunteer. The decorations should be installed by October 1. Kent Stephan reminded the group that we had discussed planting some kind of plants in the Exercise area which the group agreed may be worth considering in the spring but cautioned that it created additional landscaping tasks for Public Works.

Update on Adopt-A-Canal Program

Sue Callaway then moved the discussion to the Adopt Program. She provided a comprehensive list of all 35 adopted canal ends and the status and names of all the current adopters. She also prepared a list of 6 canal ends (5 along Route 1) who are no longer being maintained by the original adopters. Jon agreed to review the 6 canal ends and present his recommendations for future maintenance plans to the CEC.

Update on the South Bethany Fitness Area – 1) Site update; 2) Future Equipment Options; 3) Fitness Area Expansion Grant Submission

Sue stated that the grant for additional fitness equipment had been submitted on September 11th. If SB receives the grant funds, the CEC will discuss at future CEC meetings, the types of equipment to be added to the fitness area. Sue noted that a follow-up meeting had been held with Liberty Parks on September 6 regarding past and future design ideas and follow-up service. Sue noted that despite the Monday rain cancellations, the Monday fitness class was well-attended and that Mel and Kim plan to continue until it is too cold to workout outside. In addition, Jon has relocated a town bike rack and bench to the fitness area.

2019 50th SB Anniversary Celebration

Carol Stevenson led the discussion regarding the 2019 50th SB Anniversary Celebration of the town's incorporation. The event will take place on Sunday, June 30, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Carol described it as a FUN welcoming event that will include food, music, games, face-painting, giveaways and service organizations and committees displays. The SBPOA, the SB Women's Club and Historic Society will also be involved. The CEC offered to volunteer helping

and to sponsor a CEC booth along with other groups and committees. Carol asked the members to stay tuned for further ideas and plans and to let her know if we had any suggestions. There was also discussion about the decision to not have a July 4th float as it would demand the time of more volunteers and public works staff. Kent Stephan thought that our absence from the parade was a missed opportunity to promote the town of South Bethany to a broad audience. Carol agreed to follow-up with the Town Manager to discuss time commitments.

Looking Ahead – 2019 CEC Initiatives

Sue brought up the idea of budgeting for the future replacement of the art boards on Ocean Drive (2019 would be the 5th year of use) in the FY 20 budget and what tasks would be involved with such an initiative. Jon noted that the current art boards are in good condition except for two that have a few scratches from people placing bikes and chairs against them. The group discussed what to do with the old boards and Sue suggested that they could be part of the 50th Celebration raffles that were planned. No final decision was made and it was agreed to further discuss the art program at the October meeting. In the meantime, Sue will contact the company that prepared the art boards to confirm their interest and the costs for new ones.

Confirm Next CEC Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting of the CEC will be on Friday, October 26th at 10:00 am at the Town Hall meeting room. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.