



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018 – 10:00 AM

Earth Day Clean-Up Project

The 2018 CEC's annual Earth Day recognition project focused on cleaning up the area surrounding the forthcoming South Bethany Fitness Area. Members present included: Sue Callaway, Chair; Donna Farrow; Bobbe Stephan; Kent Stephan; Carol Stevenson; Garnet Timbario; Pat Weisgerber; and Don Chrobot and Jon Stiffler, Public Works. The group worked for nearly 2 hours on clearing out the wooded area and its efforts successfully led to a remarkable change. Carol Stevenson organized a lunch for the group prior to beginning the CEC meeting. Thanks to all for making it such a great team effort.



Review and Approval of March 26, 2018 CEC Meeting Minutes

After lunch, the CEC meeting began at 12:30. Diann Nazarian was absent due to travel and no public was present. The group reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the 3-26-18 CEC meeting.

Update from Department of Public Works

Public Works reported they are busy landscaping throughout town including planting new plants, trimming and laying mulch. Lantana has been ordered for the Welcome Areas and the planters along Ocean Drive. The planters have been scraped and will be painted in the coming weeks. The group also discussed planting pansies in the Welcome Areas next year in the late spring to introduce some color. It was also recommended that Public Works refurbish the York Beach Mall beds and the small bed in front of town hall as they need some sprucing up. The group further discussed the broken fence along Route 1 and agreed to ask Code Enforcement to continue reaching out to the property owner by letter. Sue mentioned the Power Wash flyer that is being sent out via Email News Update and will appear in the spring *Zephyr*. Sue will follow-up with Joe Hinks on the fence and any other maintenance reported issues.

Update on the Proposed South Bethany Fitness Area

Sue Callaway brought the group up to speed on where the Fitness Area project is at this time: Sue Callaway, Don Chrobot and Maureen Hartman met on March 12th to organize logistics for the initiative; the ground has been prepped and appropriate environmental mulch ordered as planned; the 5 pieces of equipment and corresponding signs and frames have been ordered; the Welcome Sign is being developed by Signarama that includes language used per the town's insurance company; the town has received a "Certificate of Investment" from the DE Parks Department that will allow us to use FY18 and FY19 Fitness expenses as a match for a future grant; Sue and Maureen Hartman are preparing a letter of intent to apply for a grant due May 18; and a "SB Fitness Area Coming Soon" article will appear in the May *Zephyr*; and Mel and Kim boot camp instructors have agreed to attend the Grand Opening of the Fitness Area to encourage proper use of the equipment (DATE TBD). The group viewed potential equipment to be added to the Fitness area via the Parks grant.

Discussion of Photography Exhibit Details and Logistics

Sue noted that the Congratulations letter has been sent to 22 photographers and 21 will appear in the Exhibit. All participants have expressed enthusiasm about exhibiting. The group reviewed the Exhibit flyer that will appear in the *Zephyr* and be sent out weekly via Email News Update during May and the Indoor and Outdoor signs that will be hung during the Exhibit. The group re-affirmed its decision regarding the food for the Opening Night and Garnet Timbario agreed to work on developing a creative background for the photographer's contact information. Sue added that she has purchased the drinks, balloons and paper products for the Opening Night utilizing the FY18 designated funds.

Update on Adopt-A-Canal Program

Carol Stevenson and Pat Weisgerber reported that they met with the homeowners adopting the New Castle Road End on Saturday, April 21. They had a good meeting and the adopters will prepare a design plan for the CEC. They noted that the area was in pretty rough shape and would be pretty challenging to plant. Don Chrobot agreed to look at it and see if they could help better prepare the area. The dates have been set for the Adopt Contest beginning Friday, June 29 to Friday, July 20th. Sue confirmed she would touch base with Amy at Lords Landscaping to confirm their participation. An article about the forthcoming Adopt Contest was prepared for the *Zephyr*.

Addendum: Don and Jon reviewed the New Castle Road End and agreed to do further site preparation for the Adopters. Sue sent an email to the adopters on 4-26-18 informing them of what Public Works will do to assist them.

Water Quality Initiative:

Kent Stephan announced the forthcoming Water Quality Initiative that will involve the installation of over 100 wetland gardens in the canal ends. It will be a volunteer effort that will be coordinated by the Water Quality committee and tentative plans are set for June 18 to June 19.

Confirm Next CEC Meeting Date and Adjournment

The group will meet in May if necessary. The CEC will be involved with activities and logistics for the Photography Exhibit and the opening of the Fitness area in May and June. Kent Stephan motioned for adjournment and Pat Weisgerber seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

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