



## COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

### MEETING SUMMARY

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2018 – 1:00 PM

TOWN HALL METING ROOM

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### **Announcement of participating CEC Members and acknowledgement of absences**

The following members were present: Sue Callaway, Chair; Donna Farrow; Diann Nazarian; Bobbe Stephan; Kent Stephan; Carol Stevenson; Pat Weisgerber; and Don Chrobot and Jon from Public Works. Garnet Timbario was absent.

### **Review and Approval of April 24, 2018 CEC Meeting Minutes**

The group reviewed the summary of the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting which was then unanimously approved after a motion by Diann Nazarian and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Weisgerber.

### **Comments from CEC Members**

- Sue Callaway noted that Pat Weisgerber is resigning from the CEC as she is assuming more responsibilities as President of the Historical Society and Treasurer of the SBWC. Several suggestions were made regarding possible new participants and members agreed to follow-up with those individuals.
- Sue stated that the Planning Commission suggested that the CEC review the idea of painting mile-markers along the Route 1 Pedestrian Path. After discussion, the group unanimously voted *not* in favor of the idea as most people use phones, fitbits and other devices to track their walking/running distance. Sue stated she would notify the Planning Commission of the CEC opinion.
- Don Chrobot announced that departing SB property owner George Junkin was donating his ringing bell to the town. After some discussion, the group thought that

a good location for the bell would be in the landscaped area in front of Town Hall that has the old Welcome Sign. The group thought it might be fun to ring the bell 15 minutes prior to the start of Town Council meetings as a reminder to the town of the meeting. Sue stated she would present the idea to the Town Manager.

- Sue brought forward the idea of building a Childrens' Little Free Library next to the Town Hall Adult LFL. Frank Weisgerber has agreed to build one and Sue Callaway has agreed to stock and maintain it. The group supported the idea of developing the Childrens' LFL as the kids' books get lost among the adult books.
- Sue stated that she was approached by one of the OD artists about updating the artwork along Ocean Drive. Discussion was initiated about replacing the artwork with new art. Sue stated that the FY 19 budget did not have the funds to replace them all but the group unanimously agreed that the FY 20 Budget should. Once the budget is approved, announcements would be made in late spring of 2019 seeking new artwork for the 2019 summer season. Sue will contact the vendor who prepared the art signs and confirm costs. The group recalled how the original artists donated the \$100 scan cost of their painting and the town covered the cost for making the sign. Diann Nazarian suggested that perhaps we conduct a raffle of the existing OD signs as a fundraiser as they are still in good condition. Pat Weisgerber then added perhaps we conduct the raffle at the 2019 Town Anniversary celebration.

### **Update from Department of Public Works**

Don and Jon presented the following updates regarding their work throughout Town:

- They have followed up on the outstanding tasks at the New Castle Road End
- They have been focused on addressing drainage issues around town
- Landscaping continues throughout town
- Preparing for the installation of the Floating Wetlands that will occur on June 19<sup>th</sup>
- Working on July 4<sup>th</sup> Float
- Don will be retiring August 1.
- The group agreed that notifications regarding mold and mildew violations on houses should be sent out sooner rather than later as property owners have 30 days to comply. Sue will send recommendation to Joe Hinks and Maureen Hartman.

### **Update on the Proposed South Bethany Fitness Area**

1) Site update: due to the extremely heavy amounts of rainfall, a drain pipe was installed to eliminate any future concerns

2) Equipment Arrival: Charlie informed Sue that the equipment should be delivered the week of June 4, 2018; *Signarama* delivered the Welcome/Rules Sign

3) Grand Opening: Will be scheduled once equipment installed and ready to go; Until grand opening, Sue suggested that Police warning tape be placed around the area so that no one uses the area until then.

4) Grant discussion: The signed Letter of Intent for a forthcoming grant was submitted on prior to May 19<sup>th</sup>. Awaiting word from Bob Eehmann

5) Kent Stephan suggested planting colorful perennials around the Fitness Area such as red buds, begonias, etc. The group agreed this would be a good addition.

### **Final discussion of Photography Exhibit Details and logistics for OPENING NIGHT on JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> 2018**

Sue is coordinating the final details regarding the Exhibit. The group agreed to meet on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> to set up the Exhibit and on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> to prepare the refreshments. The banner announcing the Exhibit will be hung on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Update on Adopt-A-Canal Program**

Sue announced that Lords Landscaping would not be supporting the Adopt Contest this year due to their fund commitments to their church. Sue followed up with a thanks for their 7 years of donations to the program. However, Sue was pleased to announce that the owners of the Inland Bays Garden Center have graciously agreed to sponsor the contest and to offer a 10% discount to any Adopters who wish to purchase from their nursery. The group discussed the contest format and Diann Nazarian suggested that including a full page displaying all canal end photos would make it much easier to compare gardens and cast votes. Sue has presented this idea to Pam Smith who will discuss with Beach Net. It should not be a problem and that change will be an improvement. In addition, the following property owners have confirmed maintaining a few of the previously adopted canal ends: Fischers for Bayshore Drive; McCauleys for Peterson; and Renninger and neighbors on W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Photos will be taken by June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sue sent contest announcement letters to all Adopters on Monday June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Confirm Next CEC Meeting Date and Adjournment**

The group agreed to not conduct a CEC meeting until September as the group is busy with the Photo Exhibit, the Adopt Contest, the Fitness Area and the July 4<sup>th</sup> activities sponsored by the C&PR Committee. Kent Stephan motioned for adjournment and Donna Farrow seconded that motion. The group adjourned at 3:00 pm.