



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2014 – 10:00 AM – 11:30 PM

PRECEDED BY JULY 4TH FLOAT DEBRIEFING MEETING

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

FLOAT DEBRIEFING MEETING

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – Summary of Discussion and review of July 4th Float

Meeting Attendees: Sue Callaway, George Junkin, Kent Stephan, Bobbe Stephan, Pat Weisgerber, Frank Weisgerber, Don Chrobot and Carol Stevenson

Sue read comments and feedback from non-attending float committee members as well as South Bethany property owners' emails that were sent in response to the Float Email News Update distributed on July 11. Upon further discussion of the float, the group unanimously agreed on the following:

- Build a 2015 Float and participate in the Bethany Beach parade.
- Definitely drive through South Bethany and plan a designated time
- Leave float at Anchorage
- Email BB regarding float cancellation
- Promote South Bethany and also have a creative design
- Have the parade no matter what BB does
- Save the tower
- Great scavenging to save money
- Well-managed and timed well – meetings were spaced out okay

- Worked well to complete flower-making the week of parade but helped to have them ready ahead of time
- More candy needed especially if doing BB parade and SB one-float parade
- Lucky to have support of Public Works and Don – Don estimates about 16 hours of maintenance time needed which includes July 4th driving time
- Plan music ahead of time
- If no chairs, install some safety device standing float participants

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Public Comments and CEC Member Comments

There were no public comments. During CEC member comments, Frank Weisgerber presented findings from his follow-up on the previously proposed South Bethany "Little Free Library." Frank mentioned that he had researched and joined the "Little Free Library Association" where he gathered further information about building and operating a Little Free Library. Frank offered to build the library and to pay for all necessary materials. He presented photos (see photos below) of a proposed design and style that would fit in with the Town Hall landscape (the group recommends placing the library next to the Town Hall Information Board). Sue noted that Lori Cicero has agreed to oversee the operation and maintenance of the library books and its process. The group agreed that Sue would prepare an update of the "South Bethany Little Free Library" to the Town Council prior to proceeding.



ADDENDUM: Update emailed to Town Council members on August 5.

Update on Ocean Drive Art Boards

Sue noted that all CEC members as well as two of the first OD Art Board artists approved the Cindy Scruggs submission that was emailed to CEC members. Cindy has been notified and will start on her painting immediately. Sue also asked the group about a possible photography submission by South Bethany resident and photographer, Ann Boteler. They agreed photography was art and would be a creative addition to the OD Art Board Program. Sue stated

she would follow-up with Ann. Sue announced that at the July 11th Town Council Meeting Sandi Roberts, on behalf of the South Bethany Property Owners' Association presented a \$150 donation to the CEC. The group agreed that most likely the funds would be used to support the OD Art Program. Sue also announced that the SB Historical Society is hosting an Original Artwork Auction Event on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2014. The auction will feature the two original pieces of artwork done by Carolyn Marcello and Celeste Speer.

2014 Adopt-A-Canal/Road End Contest

Sue reminded the group that the Adopt Contest dates are set for Friday, August 22 – Monday, September 1. Sue, Carol and Bobbe will place the Adopt Contest signs on August 21 at 9:00 am. Carol will be completing the photos of all canal/road ends and Sue is preparing all the necessary materials for the online voting process and the on-site voting and will be working with Pam Smith next week to set up the contest process. Sue noted that Mike Lords has offered to contribute \$200 in gift certificates this year. The group agreed to the following: 1st Prize - \$125; 2nd Prize - \$50; and 3rd Prize - \$25. Pat, Bobbe and Sue set the date of Thursday, September 4 for vote counting at Town Hall. The group thought that having an Adopt Thank-You Party again this year was a good idea. Carol Stevenson offered to host the party and the date of September 13th was confirmed. Sue said she would announce a "Save the Date" in the Adopter letter prepared to remind adopters of forthcoming contest.

ADDENDUM: Sue met with Pam on August 7th and all preliminary work is completed to forward to Beach-net. The Contest will go live on August 21 and an Email News Update will be sent that day to SB property owners.

Anchorage Forebay Landscaping

In response to an email from an SB homeowner, Sue asked the group to revisit an idea that CEC discussed months ago regarding the improvement of the first visible open area as people drive into South Bethany. While the bigger open area must remain unobstructed to retain DNREC access to the Anchorage forebay, the area adjacent to the front of the forebay (see photo below) could be landscaped. Don asked Rick Gentile to prepare a draft plan for that area that the group could consider (see draft plan below). The draft plan led to discussion focused on need for improvement and ideas for improvement such as possibly creating a seating area in front of the fence and establishing a more landscaped area. The group also revisited a previous idea of locating an informational sign (see photo below) about rain gardens and bio-retention beds that are located along Route 1. George and Sue mentioned that previously CIB had funds available for such a sign and they agreed to work on reaching out to Chris Bason about the effort. George volunteered to create a draft plan for such a sign to forward to Chris. Costs for this improvement would include about \$200 for benches made by Public Works and approximately \$1500 for excavation and landscaping.

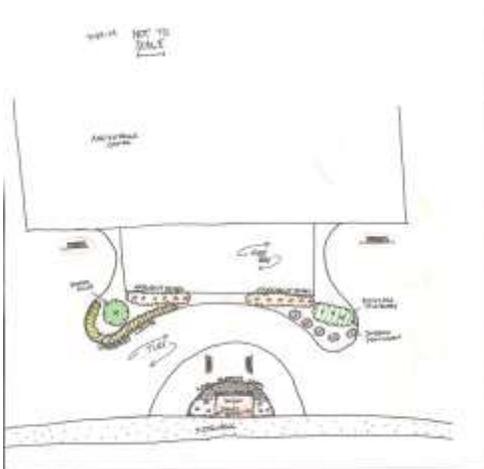
ADDENDUM: George and I have discussed since meeting that it may make the most sense to create a rain garden in the front area of design plan near proposed sign.

Views of Front of Anchorage Forebay – Proposed Landscape area



DRAFT Rain Garden Sign

Picture of Sample Sign



Rick Gentile's DRAFT Design Plan

Next Meeting Date

The group set the next meeting date for Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 10:00 am Town Hall. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.