



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014 – 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

The Community Enhancement Committee held a meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at the Town Hall Meeting Room. The meeting was attended by Sue Callaway, Chair; Donna Farrow; George Junkin; Diann Nazarian; Carol Stevenson; Pat Weisgerber; and Don Chrobot and Rick Gentile, Maintenance Department. There were no public comments.

CEC Member Comments: Diann Nazarian stated that as part of its energy saving plan, Delmarva Power was making available free trees while supplies last. Diann said to call 855-670-2772 to reserve a tree or visit arborday.org for more information.

Update on Proposed FY 15 Budget: Sue Callaway noted that the Town Council was in the midst of reviewing and modifying the proposed FY 15 budget and in favor of adopting a balanced budget. Sue proposed to the CEC members that the CEC modify its street sign plans and switch Phase 3 and Phase 4 – thus saving \$4,000 in the proposed FY 15 budget. In addition, in switching the phases, all South Bethany streets will have new street signs by the end of 2014. The committee voted unanimously to change the phases and Sue said she will propose the change at the TC Workshop that evening. Sue also noted that at the February 27th Budget Workshop, the Council voted to lower the requested solar light funds (original request \$3,150) to \$1,000 for FY 15 and complete the Ocean Drive solar light project in three years.

Addendum: At the 3-27-14 TC Workshop, Council discussion regarding the CEC budget resulted in the following CEC Budget decisions: 1) Agreed to switch the proposed Phase 4 of the street sign project to FY 15 (to be completed in Fall 2014) and move the Phase 3 street sign project to FY 16; 2) Fund half of the Ocean Drive solar light project in FY 15 thus raising the amount to \$1,575 with the idea of evaluating how successful the lights are and then fund the other half of \$1575 in FY16; and 3) Eliminate the CEC budget request for \$4,000 for two new South Bethany Welcome signs.

Discussion of Potential Landscaping Plans for Route 1: Bio-retention beds, circle beds, and pedestrian walkway rain gardens; York Beach Mall gardens; Richard Hall Memorial Park and

Cat Hill Entrance Way was led by Don Chrobot and Rick Gentile, Maintenance Department. They reported that with a slight break in the weather, they have been able to clean up the grasses; trim the crepe myrtles (Diann Nazarian requested trimming the crepe myrtles within the canal end on Peterson -near Evergreen); edge beds; cut down Bayberry suckers; spray weed killer; and start the initial mulching – there will be no mulch in the bio beds this year.

East Side Bio-Retention Project: Sue and George Junkin participated in a conference call meeting on Monday, March 17, 2014 with members of the East Side Bio-Retention group that includes, CIB; Larry Trout, contractor; Sue Barton, landscaper; and LaTonya, DeIDOT. South Bethany, Middlesex Beach and DeIDOT are working on the Right-of-Way Use Agreements which must be completed before construction work can begin. Larry is working with the landscaping company to acquire final quotes for costs of plants. The group is in agreement that all work must be completed by Memorial Day. The plan is to begin digging by mid-April. The next conference call meeting will be scheduled for the first week of April.

Adopt-A-Canal/Road End Program Update: Sue stated that the Scrugg family, who adopted the Petheron Road End, has informed her that they will begin landscaping work on Easter weekend. Sue announced that the paperwork for the Scott Weitz adoption of the W. 7th Street Road End was completed and notification letters prepared by Sharon Nonn, were mailed to the two adjacent neighbors. Once the weather improves, Don will have the junipers removed from the Sussex Place Road End (Boteler adoption), the Peterson Canal End (Earth Day adoption) and the W. 7th St. Road End (Weitz Adoption). Carol Stevenson agreed to organize a group of volunteers to weed adopted canal ends whose (2) adopters have turned them back to the Town and also the Earth Day adoptions and Richard Hall Park. Sue also agreed to update the Volunteer Recognition Wall that is posted on the SB website so that it is current. In addition, Sue announced that she and Don are working with Eagle Scout candidate and South Bethany resident Andrew Chapdelaine, to help him achieve his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. Andrew's community service project will be to install signs along the interior bulkheads within the canal waters identifying the streets you pass by on your boat or kayak! Andrew is the second in the Chapdelaine family to become an Eagle Scout and to choose South Bethany as his service project.

Addendum: All junipers have been removed from the three canal/road ends.

Earth Day Canal/Road End Adoption – The group confirmed the canal end on Peterson Drive, near Anchorage, as continuation of the Earth Day celebration (April 22nd). The group will utilize its landscaping plan developed for the 2013 Earth Day adoption on York Road. CEC member, Pat Weisgerber, has volunteered to maintain the adopted canal end. Sue reported that the owner of the mailbox located within the canal end bed has agreed to have Don move it to the right side of the bed. The Earth Day planting will begin at 8:30 AM and Sue will contact the *Wave* and *Coastal Point* to let them know about the event and confirm with Mayor Jankowski.

Adjournment and Next Meeting – The CEC will meet on Tuesday, April 22nd for the Earth Day planting and the May meeting will be held on the Thursday the 29th at 10:00 am. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.