



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

OCTOBER 25, 2016 – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Introduction of Attending Committee Members

The following CEC members were in attendance: Sue Callaway, Chair; Donna Farrow, Diann Nazarian, Kent Stephan, Bobbe Stephan, Carol Stevenson, Garnet Timbario, Pat Weisgerber, and Don Chrobot, Public Works Supervisor.

Public Comments and CEC Member Comments

Sue Callaway welcomed one public member in attendance – One representative of the public was in attendance.

The following were CEC member comments:

- Donna Farrow asked about the paint spill near Tamarack and Canal Drive – Don stated that unfortunately nothing could be done to remove the paint. The police had investigated but no one responsible for the spill could be found.
- Kent Stephan inquired about how many members could serve on committees as he encountered a person who may be interested in the CEC. Sue noted that the new Committee Guidelines recently passed by Town Council set a limit of 9 voting members per committee. The CEC is currently at 8.
- Garnet Timbarion asked what was needed to gain permission to hang flags on the wooden Delmarva-owned electrical poles as does Bethany Beach. Don responded that a written request to DP would be needed along with a basket-type truck for placement and removal. Sue added that this enhancement had been discussed several times before but the challenges out-weighed moving forward.

- Sue Callaway presented a preliminary idea about creating a seating area in the small wooded area adjacent to the Town Hall parking lot. In addition, she wanted to know how members viewed making it a “wi-fi” friendly area. After discussion, a motion presented by Carol Stevenson and seconded by Diann Nazarian, the group voted to explore costs and other variables associated with this idea prior to the budget meeting in December. Sue noted that Renee McDorman agreed to followup with costs, scope and parameters of possible wi-fi usage.
- Sue Callaway asked if the potential adopters for the Eckenrode canal end had been contacted. Pat Weisgerber agreed to followup. Pat also noted that she will be seeking volunteers from W. 10th Street to adopt maintenance of the canal end on that street.

Approval of 9-8-16 Meeting Minutes

After review, a motion was made by Pat Weisgerber and seconded by Bobbe Stephan to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2016 CEC meeting.

Update and Review of SB landscaping and maintenance tasks

Don Chrobot updated the group on the following: all rain gardens along the pedestrian walkway and the circle gardens and bio-retention beds in the median are being cleaned out and cut back and the sumac has been removed. Five different plants will be placed along the walkways in the spring; new Christmas lights have arrived and will be installed by Thanksgiving; and the Phase 5 of the sign project has been completed. They will work on cleaning up the York Beach Mall beds very soon.

Update on Historic Sign Project

The group reviewed the drafts of the first two signs and made some corrections and additions to photo captions on both. Sue Callaway and Pat Weisgerber have scanned additional photos and are working on the third sign. The plan is to present the draft of the 3rd sign at the November 14th Historic Society meeting with prior review and comment by the CEC. The intent is to have drafts for sign 4 and 5 presented to the December 9th Historic Society meeting.

Follow-up to CEC’s Presentation on Survey Item to Improve Street Lighting Along Canal Drive

Sue informed the group that on October 14th the Town Council approved the letter to be sent to property owners along Canal Drive and the streets running perpendicular to Canal Drive for property owners to express their support or opposition to installing street lights along Canal Drive. Letters were mailed on October 18th with a return date requested by November 14th. The letters included an overview of the proposed lighting plan and picture of the proposed street light. Dee Burbage, Town Clerk, is organizing and tabulating responses received via email or in the stamped envelope provided by the Town.

Discussion and preliminary planning of 2017 Photography Exhibit at Town Hall

The group reaffirmed interest in hosting a Photography Exhibit between the dates of May 26th and June 24th at the Town Hall. The Exhibit will be open to all South Bethany photographers and will feature South Bethany scenes and Delmarva area coastal scenes. The opening night on the 26th will be hosted by the CEC and the Communications and Public Relations Committee – light refreshments will be served. It was agreed that text for an Email News Update will be prepared and reviewed prior to the December CEC meeting so that the graphic designer can begin work on the announcement. The goal is to distribute the Email News Update announcing the Exhibit in January with a request for two B&W and/or color photo submissions from each photographer wishing to participate. Applicants and submissions will be reviewed at the February CEC meeting. Some of the final details regarding how many photographs can be displayed will be determined by the number interested in participating. Any sales of photographs will be arranged between the photographer and the purchaser. Sue agreed to work on the text for the Exhibit and forward a draft to members within the next month. Pat Weisgerber suggested that the Exhibit be named, "South Bethany Art in (or at) the Hall." The group agreed on the title.

Confirmation of December meeting date (meeting/Christmas Party) and Adjournment

The group agreed to meet on Wednesday, December 7th at 10:00 am followed by the annual Holiday lunch at noon. Food assignments were made and the group agreed to invite the Town staff as traditionally done. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.