



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

October 25, 2017 – 9:30 AM – 11:30 PM

TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

Welcome & Introduction of Attending Committee Members

The meeting was attended by the following CEC members: Sue Callaway, Chair; Donna Farrow; Diann Nazarian; Kent Stephan; Bobbe Stephan; Carol Stevenson; Garnet Timbario; and Don Chrobot, Public Works Supervisor. Also in attendance was Maureen Hartman, Town Manager and a member of the public, Nina Link, Elizabeth Way.

Public Comments and CEC Member Comments

No public comments were made during this period. Carol Stevenson recognized Public Works for their outstanding job on the fall decorations created at the South Bethany north and south Welcome beds. Diann Nazarian also commented on how great they looked.



Kent Stephan mentioned reading in the Planning Commission report that they had voted to remove the Canal Drive lights and asked how this could happen. Don noted that Delmarva Power was scheduled to place the shields in the lights this week. Maureen added that during a recent meeting

with DP, Jim Smith stated that the town has a 3 year obligation to keep the lights. Don added that once the shields are installed, we should see improvement on light dispersion. When asked if the Town had received many complaints about the lights, Maureen responded that she had not heard a lot of negative comments. Since the Planning Commission is now responsible for reviewing the lighting in South Bethany, the dialogue was ended.

Approval of 8-29-17 Meeting Minutes

The August CEC meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion to approve them was made by Kent Stephan and seconded by Diann Nazarian. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

Update from Public Works

Don Chrobot summarized that Public Works is now in the midst of their major brush cutting throughout town; preparing to retrieve the Christmas decorations and make certain they are in working order; and working on drainage issue in one part of town. Diann Nazarian asked about the trimming of the crepe myrtles and Don said that Rick Gentile is not in favor of doing a major cutting of the trees as some other areas do. Sue agreed to followup with Lords Landscaping as the trees were originally installed by them. Garnet Timbario asked Don about the outcome of the broken fencing along Route 1 and the question of its ownership. Don stated that the fence appears to be on the homeowners' property and thus responsible for its repair or replacement. Don agreed to followup with Joe Hinks upon his return from vacation to confirm what the next steps should be. Because of its very visible location, the CEC agreed that its condition does need to be addressed.

2017 Photography Exhibit – Preliminary Planning of Event – Development of tasks and timeline

Sue Callaway reviewed the CEC's and photographers' comments made and summarized at the last CEC meeting. She then noted that she began drafting a flyer for the 2018 Exhibit that incorporated those recommendations. The following was the DRAFT flyer content based on discussion.

REVISED DRAFT TEXT FOR 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT FLYER-EMAIL NEWS UPDATE

CALLING ALL SOUTH BETHANY AVID, AMATEUR, PROFESSIONAL OR WEEKEND PHOTOGRAPHERS!

"SOUTH BETHANY ART IN THE HALL"

IN FOLLOWUP TO THE HUGE SUCCESS OF THE 2017 PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT, THE South Bethany Community Enhancement Committee (CEC) is hosting THE 2nd ANNUAL Photography Exhibit at the South Bethany Town Hall between the dates of **FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH and FRIDAY, JULY 13TH, 2017.**

The Exhibit is open to all interested South Bethany photographers and will feature photographs of LOCAL South Bethany VIEWS and Delmarva area coastal SIGHTS.

The CEC will host an Opening Night event on **Friday evening, JUNE 8TH**. The opening event will give South Bethany property owners and guests an opportunity to meet the photographers and enjoy light refreshments.

The Exhibit will be open to the public during Town Hall business hours and available for viewing during any other scheduled town events.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT DETAILS

- Interested photographers shall submit 2 B&W and/or color examples of photography via Email/Dropbox by March 16, 2018.
- Submissions will be reviewed at the March 2018 CEC meeting.
- **Details regarding number and size of photographs to be displayed at Town Hall Exhibit TBD dependent upon the number of participants.**
- Any sales of photographs will be arranged between the photographer and the purchaser.

schedule the Exhibit after the Town Election and run through July 4th

-Request new photos from repeat photographers

-be more clear about framing and hangable art work (Don will order different hooks for display racks)

-post signs in McCabes; announce on Facebook and consider announcing in Coastal Point

-Carol will discuss catering by the C&PR Committee

-with the C&PR tailgater generator have background music(the group agreed that any music will need to be very low-key as the room will be very crowded)

-have artists attend the Opening Night one-half hour early prior to the start time so that they can meet each other per their request

-do not have open on weekends

-consider arranging a specific website where artist can post their pictures and price catalogue

-categorize areas of volunteerism to provide better support for pre-Exhibit activities

(the group decided against this idea)

-the group also noted that there will be less photo display rack space after the installation of the Historic Society cabinet in the back corner

-the group also agreed to explore in-house graphic designs for future flyers

Follow-up Discussion on use of FY 18 and Preliminary look at FY 19 Funds

Sue opened discussion by reviewing the four suggestions made at the previous CEC meeting and what information had been acquired since then. Sue noted that while the original discussion was about the remaining FY 18 funds, any initiative may continue into the FY 19 budget request.

-Pat Weisgerber: Create standardized mailbox racks along the east and west sides of Rt. 1. and in other areas where there are clustered mailboxes. Using her Postal career experience, Pat *may* investigate details of this initiative. **Update: Pat elected not to pursue research on this initiative.**

-Bobbe Stephan: Suggested creating an Adopt a street end program on the east side of Route 1 as it needs improvement. **Update: CEC agreed that Public Works would do a thorough spring cleaning and weed out existing bio-beds and plant robust amounts of wild flowers in these areas in the spring.**

-Carol Stevenson: To address the availability of bike parking near the beach, create more bike rack centers around Ocean Drive. **Update: CEC agreed to place additional bike racks at the south end of Ocean Drive near the bench beyond the "no driving" chain.**

-Kent Stephan: Create athletic workout areas along Route 1 near the benches – Kent and Don will research types of equipment and costs and present at next meeting. The idea would be to start with a few and evaluate its usage and success. People are currently using the benches as part of their fitness routines. Such a concept would

promote healthy lifestyle. **Update: This initial research of this initiative was reviewed. Sue prepared an overview (see attachment) of what has been discussed** including: Maureen Hartman, Joe Hinks and Kent Stephan met to explore the possibility of this project. Maureen prepared a list of questions that have been addressed by follow-up discussions with the town insurance company; Ocean View Town Manager; and a meeting with Charlie Walker, President of Liberty Parks and Recreation who also addressed ADA compliant issues and accessibility. Don Chrobot also called DelDOT to ask about locating exercise equipment within the Route 1 ROW and was informed that this was not a possibility. Thus the majority of the discussion focused on other possible locations of such equipment. It appears that the single most possible location is the wooded area adjacent to the left side of the Town Hall. Maureen has contacted Charlie Walker to set up a meeting the week of November 13th to see if such an idea in that location is feasible. Areas such as near the Historic Signs; Pine Road area; and where the town brush and yard waste is kept and there is limited space for that to be stored elsewhere. The CEC agreed to explore the research and continue discussion at the December meeting. Nina Link, Public Participant, asked several questions including the cost of such an initiative and where the funds would come from.

Next Meeting Date - December Budget Meeting followed by Annual CEC Christmas Party/Luncheon

Prior to discussion, Sue presented an upbeat video by National Geographic on the "Nine Easy Ways to Find Happiness" – the first several suggestions focused on the importance of community, your surroundings and ways that your community promotes well-being!

The group confirmed Thursday, December 7 at 10:00 am for the next CEC meeting which will focus on the development of the DRAFT FY 19 CEC budget. The meeting will be followed by the annual CEC Christmas lunch that includes Town administrative and police staff. Kent Stephan made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Donna Farrow. The meeting concluded at 11:35 am.