

APPEARANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 11, 2021

A meeting of the Appearance and Beautification Committee was held at the Town Hall, January 11, 2021, at 7:00 PM in Bel Air, Maryland. Sue Niewenhous Chair, presided. Members present included Ruth Oswald, Elaine Millard, Deanna Richards, Kristy Sudbrink, and Bonnie Bailey. Also, present Steve Kline from the Department of Public Works, Amy Chmielewski, Town Commissioner, Peg Lucas, Downtown Alliance.

Old Business

Minutes have been reviewed and approved.

Town Planning

No report.

Treasurer's Report – Jenny Dombeck

No report.

Awards – Christa Egerland & Sue Niewenhous

No update. Many new ideas regarding awards were discussed, including providing awards for holiday decorations next year.

Christmas

Sue thanked everyone for their participation in putting in up the Christmas decorations. The town is taking down all of their decorations this week. Sue indicated that we now have a few more ornaments than we need because of the changes on Office Street and hopes for ideas to use the decorations in new spots next year.

Winter Wonderland – Patty Parker

The Winter Wonderland was a huge success. The had 15,000 lights in the fountain in front of the courthouse and also had two carriages providing rides. It was reported that everyone followed COVID restrictions wearing masks and social distancing. The alliance is looking at the possibility of extending it to Bond Street and maybe even adding an ice skating rink.

Clean-Up – Committee report

A house on the 200 block of Courtland has a boat parked in the driveway that extends past the front of the house.

Landscaping – Sue Niewenhaus

The flower order has been submitted, no feedback yet. The April 12, 2021 meeting will be held at the Alice Ann Park at 5:30 PM. The first part of the meeting will be to discuss cleaning up the park and then continue on with the ABC monthly meeting.

New Business

No new business.

Downtown Alliance – Peg Lucas

The Alliance is looking at cleaning up a few areas around town to include the pocket park on Office Street and an area near the old Bel Air Bakery on Bond Street and Burns Alley. The Hometown Heroes project will continue and they are considering adding a few more murals.

Flower Mart – Elaine Millard

The Flower Mart will be hold on May 14, 2021 from 8:30 to 1:30. The four garden clubs will be participating along with the Master Gardner. Letters will be sent to the schools soon, but not sure they will participate this year. Elaine is getting information on the costs of the counter cards to advertise and decisions will be made in March as to status of the Flower Mart based on COVID restrictions. Ruth Oswald has volunteered to help Elaine with the Flower Mart.

Announcements -

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm. The next meeting will take place online on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Bailey