

APPEARANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 14, 2022

A meeting of the Appearance and Beautification Committee was held as a Zoom meeting on February 14, 2022 at 4:00 PM. Jenny Dombeck, Chair, presided. Members present included Sue Niewenhaus, Elaine Millard, Deanna Richards and Bonnie Bailey. Also, present Steve Kline from the Department of Public Works, Donna Kahoe, Town Commissioner, and Peg Lucas, Downtown Alliance.

Old Business

Minutes were reviewed approved.

Town Planning

No update.

Treasurer's Report – Deanna Richards

To date we have spent \$7,444.00 with a remaining balance of \$31,781.00.

Awards – Kristy Sudbrink

The winners are: Residential, 419 Choice Street; Phoenix, 126 Gordon Street; and Business, Willow and Wave Salon, 122 N. Main Street. The K&G Bridal will be the recipient of the Holiday Award. Steve will try to schedule the award presentations at the April 4th Town Commissioners meeting at 7:30 PM. Kristy will do the letters and order plaques.

Christmas – Sue Niewenhaus

Jenny thanked all who helped with the Christmas decorating. A recommendation was made to do something with the Courthouse Door, Steve will coordinate this with Patty Parker. Need to look at putting a big wreath (maybe 2, after construction is completed) at the Town Hall. In the Spring we need to go through and re-organize the decorations.

Clean-Up – Committee report

House in the 500 block of Courtland has a camper that juts out past the front of the house. The town clean-up is scheduled for March 20th.

Landscaping – Sue Niewenhaus

Trees were planted on North Main last fall. We need to clean up the flower bed next to Black Eye Suzies in the Spring and Steve will have DPW assist. The gardening contract (planting and maintenance) will be up for re-bid January/February 2023. Steve is working with Buddy Boy to re-negotiate the new contract. Flower order has been submitted.

New Business.

Donna Kahoe is the Town Commissioner that will serve on the Appearance and Beautification Committee. Steve will get with Patty Parker to discuss the future possibility of putting more lighting on Main Street.

Downtown Alliance – Peg Lucas

The Music on Main is up and running, and planning is underway to expand hours. The pocket park on Office Street will be started in June, the park on Bond Street is still in the planning phase. Steve will provide Peg the banner schedule. The Alliance would like to partner with the ABC Committee on any future projects.

Garden Mart – Elaine Millard

The 2022 Garden Mart is scheduled for Friday, May 20th. The Just Having Fun Singers will perform, and the Climate Action Group will have a table and intend to sell Native Host Plants for the Bel Air Five. All four garden clubs, the Master Gardener and Andrew Bodt (DPW) will participate. Counter cards are in and will be distributed in the businesses on Main Street and all the branches of the Harford County Public Library. The high schools will not be able to participate due to ongoing COVID restrictions.

Winter Wonderland – Patti Parker

No update.

Announcements -

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM PM. The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 14, 2022, starting at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Bailey