

TOWN OF BLUFFTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
Council Chambers Meeting Room, Theodore D. Washington Municipal Building
Friday, March 17, 2023

Present: Johnny Bowen; Dot Jeger; Dan Ciuffreda;

Absent: Ashley Wissmiller; Hugh Williamson

Staff: Derrick Coaxum, Public Services Director
John Jury, Asset Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Bowen called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Bowen made a motion to approve the March 17, 2023, Beautification Committee agenda. Jeger seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – February 16, 2023

Bowen made a motion to approve the February 16, 2023, Beautification Committee minutes. Ciuffreda seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Possible Future Projects

Coaxum talks about new funds for next year and asks about ideas. Jeger asks about last month's guest, Cheryl, and the flowerpots. Coaxum tells members about the theft of one of the new Palm centerpieces from a flowerpot and explains the schedule for finishing the other pots. Coaxum reassures the Committee that the pots will be ready before the Heritage Golf Tournament, and that the banners will be ready as well.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Future Goals

Coaxum brings up plans for some new landscaping at Wright Family Park for the Garden Tour taking place at the end of May. He explains how the Beautification Committee is being asked to partially fund the project. The group discusses the funds that remain in the budget and agrees to help fund the project. Coaxum brings up meeting dates. Jeger asks if there is any new information from Council about attendance and Coaxum explains that they will re-visit in May.

The Committee talks about looking for new members to keep attendance high. Coaxum explains the rules of having members removed from the Committee. There is a discussion about moving the meetings back to Thursdays and holding them at the Public Services Building. Bowen brings up possibly having schools partner with the Committee for mural projects, Coaxum explains that the Town is working on an Art Program with local artists and that he will get more information for the Committee and see if the two ideas can overlap somehow. Jeger brings up the Oscar Frazier Park Pavilion and how the original plan was to have local artists occasionally change out the artwork. Coaxum brings up possibly having Dr. Rodriguez come in to talk about bringing in artists from the local schools. There is a brief discussion about historical buildings and the materials used in remodeling them.

2. Possible Guest Speakers

Coaxum mentions Clemson Extension, Dr. Rodriguez, and various others as possible speakers. Bowen asks about the date for the May River cleanup and Arbor Day. Coaxum shares the dates and times of both events. Bowen asks if the Town is doing anything for Earth Day and Coaxum explains that the group can join the County effort to pick up litter on Earth Day. Coaxum brings up the new park at Buckwalter Place and the Grand Opening for it. There is a short discussion about the gates being open or not and Coaxum assures them that they are. There is another brief discussion about the new parking lot project at Oyster Factory Park. The group discusses the lighting at the parks and their hours of operation. Coaxum brings up the new restrooms that are going to be going into the New River Trail parking lot. Jeger asks about the future plans for the trail and Coaxum explains that the intentions are to pave it and have it connect to the dock at the end of it. Coaxum talks about getting a list of all upcoming projects for the Committee.

VIII. DISCUSSION

1. Flowerpot Updates

The Group decides that the flowerpots were already discussed. The conversation turns to future meeting dates the decision is made to move next months meeting to Thursday instead of Friday.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The March 17, 2023, Beautification Committee Meeting adjourned at 09:55 a.m.