



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

DECEMBER 13, 2019

CEC Attendees: Sue Callaway, Chair; Donna Farrow, Diann Nazarian, Bobbe Stephan, Kent Stephan, Carol Stevenson, Jon Stiffler and Rick Gentile, Public Works. Absent: Susan Spingler and Peggy Tinklepaugh

The CEC meeting took place on Wednesday, December 13th, 2019 followed by its annual holiday luncheon with town staff. At the meeting, the CEC began preparation of the FY 2021 CEC Budget and preliminary discussion of any proposed new initiatives. Work will continue on the draft until submission to the financial director in mid-January.

The summary of the November 15, 2019 CEC Meeting was approved unanimously by the group.

The CEC approved its final draft of the Healthy Walking Map which was submitted to the Town Manager and Mayor for final review. The final draft was forwarded to Insta-Signs and production of the five signs will be completed by the end of 2019. The signs will be installed on Earth Day, April 22, 2020. Bicycle racks will be purchased with the balance of the remaining fitness grant funds.

The CEC approved its final flyers for the following CEC initiatives: 1) Ocean Drive Art Program (as budgeted, 8 new art boards will be purchased with FY 20 funds and 8 additional boards with FY 21 funds) and 2) Photography/Art Exhibit (*dates confirmed: Opening Night Saturday, June 6th through Friday, July 10 2020*). In January, letters and flyers will be sent to previous participants as well as Email News Updates to all SB property owners announcing the forthcoming initiatives.

UPDATES TO SUMMARY:

- The CEC submitted its DRAFT FY 2021 CEC Budget to the financial administrator on January 13, 2020. The draft budget includes funds for one new initiative – the placement of decorative display banners along the west side of route 1. **DUE TO MEETING WITH DELMARVA POWER REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF BANNERS ALONG ROUTE 1 ON THE POWER POLES (SAME AS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS) AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE B&F COMMITTEE – THIS BUDGETED INITIATIVE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED FROM THE BUDGET. BANNERS COULD BE PLACED ON WOODEN STREET LIGHT POLES THAT ARE SET BACK FROM ROUTE 1 BUT WILL REQUIRE DELDOT PERMISSION. SEE EMAIL BELOW**
- The CEC received five Healthy Walking Map signs from Insta-Signs the last week of December. Public Works is preparing the posts for the signs and they will be installed on Earth Day, April 22, 2020. The signs and bicycle racks will be purchased with the balance of the remaining fitness grant funds received from the DE Parks Department.
- The CEC sent two flyers announcing the following CEC initiatives to previous participants as well as Email News Updates to all SB property owners : 1) Ocean Drive Art Program and 2) Photography/Art Exhibit (*dates confirmed: Opening Night Saturday, June 6th through Friday, July 10 2020*). The response from previous artists has been very favorable.
- Sue Callaway, Chair, CEC met with Chief Lovins, Town Manager Maureen Hartman, and Jon Stifler, Public Works on January 22, 2020 to discuss the location of police cars within the Route 1 Median during traffic patrolling.
- Sue Callaway and Carol Stevenson met with Inland Bays Garden Center on February 25, 2020 to discuss the proposed 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Adopt-A-Canal Program. The productive meeting set the proposed date, agenda and assigned tasks for the event.

FEBRUARY 28, 2020 BANNER EMAIL FROM MAUREEN HARTMAN

Jon Stiffler and I met with Jim Smith today to discuss whether or not banners are permitted on the distribution poles. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) no longer allows banners on any of their poles. The poles regulated by FERC are the tall metal distribution poles located on Rt. 1. Mr. Smith will also look into whether or not we can continue to hang Christmas lights. The change to FERCs policy is due to 1) accidents and liability issues and 2) companies placing small cell facilities on these poles are paying large fees and banners/ornaments have become a nuisance.

Banners are permitted on the wooden distribution poles set back approximately 15-20' from Rt. 1; however, applications must be filled out and submitted to DPL and then an engineering field study will be conducted as to whether or not they concur with banners being placed on the pole(s) in question. If approved, a yearly application must be submitted. He also advised us that we need to secure approval through DelDOT since the poles are located on a state-owned road.

I have attached a photo of both poles taken this morning and used during the meeting with Mr. Smith.

