



**COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

**PARTICIPATION BY REMOTE ACCESS DUE TO COVID-19 GUIDELINES**

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**Announcement of participating CEC Members and acknowledgement of absences:**

Sue Callaway, Chair; Christi Bernlohr; Donna Farrow, Ingrid Moore; Bobbe Stephan; Kent Stephan; Carol Stevenson; Maureen Webster; and Jon Stiffler, Maintenance Supervisor. Susan Spingler was absent. The attending members participated via phone and video. New members Bernlohr, Moore, and Webster were welcomed and introduced to the group. In addition, Liz Lambert, S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street attended from the public.

**Review and approval of MARCH 12, 2020, CEC Meeting Summary**

Carol Stevenson made a motion to approve the draft summary from the 3-12-20 CEC meeting and Donna Farrow seconded the motion. The draft summary was unanimously approved.

## **CEC Comments or Public Comments**

During this open comment period, the following ideas and suggestions were brought forward.

- Kent Stephan expressed support for the Decorative Median Lights that were approved by the Town Council on 9-24-20
- Kent Stephan who stated that he likes the idea of providing things people can use and do proposed the following ideas for the town: artificial turf putting green; shuffleboard.
- Carol Stevenson stated that since the fitness area has been so successful that she proposed a bocce board court.
- Mo Webster brought forward the idea of a playground as there seems to be more families with younger children in South Bethany. Sue Callaway provided a brief history of a playground proposal that was brought forward 10 years ago. The idea for the park/playground was voted down by referendum.
- Ingrid Moore inquired about the availability of more dog waste trash cans along Canal Drive. Jon Stiffler agreed to check out adding another dog waste station.
- Carol Stevenson suggested adding a cluster of big American flags – similar to what Lord Baltimore Elementary School does – in the Anchorage forebay area during national holidays.
- Ingrid Moore suggested enhancing the garden area – specifically adding more color - at the Richard Hall Park “V” area at Russell Road.
- Carol Stevenson noted that the adopted canal end on Godwin houses skateboard ramps, garden supplies and trash cans. Sue agreed to follow-up with the adopters.

## **Update from Public Works – Jon Stifler**

Jon stated that Public Works is in the midst of winter preparations, removing lifeguard stands, mobi mats, benches, trash cans, etc. He noted that the Ocean Drive trash containers will be refurbished over the winter.

They are also focused on drain works throughout town. They are preparing to install fall decorations at the Welcome areas and then soon to follow at Thanksgiving will be the Holiday lights. Public Works is also cleaning the Route 1 adopt beds. They have taken photos of the Route 1 Median landscaping prior to the installation of the Route 1 Median lights. Sue will follow-up with Maureen Hartman to confirm the schedule for the Median light installation and the landscaping plans proposed by DELDOT.

### **Update on Adopt Program 10th Anniversary Celebration and ADOPT Program**

Sue stated that all the Adopt gift J'bags have been delivered or mailed to all active adopters. Sue noted that the Center for Inland Gardens is still interested in working with the CEC to host a workshop in the spring and summer. Decisions regarding this will be made in the next few months by the CEC in partnership with the Garden Center. Sue also announced that an article she prepared for the upcoming *Zephyr* will list canal ends available for adoption. Also, a new property owner on Bayshore Drive has adopted the very first canal end on Bayshore Drive that is adjacent to their backyard. The new homeowner is excited about being involved.

### **Update on Ocean Drive Art Program**

Sue described the Ocean Drive Art Program for the new members and the process for winterization of the art boards. Public Works will clean and store the art boards in late fall. During this topic, Sue announced an idea brought forward by the Bethany-Fenwick Chamber of Commerce at a recent meeting with Lauren Weaver, Chamber Executive Director. Her idea was for South Bethany to host an art show along the Route 1 pedestrian walkway on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 – the same day as the Bethany Beach boardwalk art show and also the same weekend as the Seize the Day honoring veterans and their families. Sue has requested a one page summary from Weaver outlining event details and expectations and responsibilities of South Bethany. As soon as that is received Sue will forward to CEC members.

### **Update on Route 1 Median Lighting Installation**

Sue announced that the Town Council voted 6-1 on 9-24-20 in favor of installing the decorative lights in the Route 1 Median as directed by the DE Department of Transportation.

### **Update on CEC FY 2021 Budget and Looking Ahead to CEC FY 2022 Budget and discussion of future initiatives**

Sue announced that the CEC has \$3,860.18 remaining in the CEC's FY 21 budget. Funds spent thus far have been on the Ocean Drive art boards and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Adopt gift mugs. The remaining funds must be spent by April 30<sup>th</sup> or will "roll over" into the town's general funds. For the benefit of the new members, Sue also reviewed the process the CEC undergoes in developing its annual FY budgets. At the next two CEC meetings the CEC will focus on future initiatives and preparation of the FY 22 CEC budget.

### **Adjournment**

Kent Stephan motioned for the meeting to be adjourned and Christi Bernlohr seconded that motion. The group unanimously agreed with the motion. Sue thanked the new members and the public participant for attending.