

**Town of South Bethany
Community Relations Committee Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2023**

In attendance: Edie Dondero, Chair; Lisi Biciocchi, Robin Philipbar, Cathy Peck. Ingrid Moore attended by phone.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Dondero at 2:03pm.

1. Introduction of new members

2. Approval of minutes of 5.8.2023

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with no changes.

3. Public comment

There were no members of the public in attendance.

4. Review of CRC mission and scope of work

The Committee reviewed their mission and scope of work for new members. Ms. Peck suggested that the CRC hold a program or distribute information on available resources for elderly residents.

5. Review of spring programs and events

The Committee discussed the Earth Day programs and the spring bonfire. All were well attended and deemed a success. Many positive comments were received about all, especially the bonfire.

In addition to these programs, the Committee provided pizza and chicken wings for the lifeguards at their kick-off meeting on the evening of Friday, May 26th and hosted a booth at the SBPOA's Summer Kickoff Party on June 10th to distribute info on upcoming events.

6. Prep for Movie on the Beach event

Ms. Dondero reported that the movie, license, and equipment rentals for the July 27th Movie on the Beach have been secured. The movie will be held on S. 3rd Street and will start at dusk, approximately 8pm. Yard signs have been ordered that will be put up at the beach crossovers on the day of the event and email announcements are scheduled to go out several times in advance of the event. Flyers have already been posted on the town's bulletin boards at Town Hall, Ocean Drive and York Road. There is no additional prep work to be completed.

7. Adopt-a-Canal Program updates

Ms. Dondero reported on recent activities of the Adopt program. The canal end on Canal Drive between W. 4th and 5th Streets was planted with committee funds; the Vanugas adopted and planted the Henlopen road end; and Ms. Dondero recently met with a group of neighbors who plan to revitalize the New Castle road end. The Committee agreed to discuss the future of the program at a meeting later in the year.

8. Ideas for beautification project

The Sandpiper Village HOA has once again offered a generous \$500 donation to the committee to use on a Town beautification project. It was decided to use the funds, pending DelDOT approval, to have the northernmost and southernmost median islands on Coastal Highway seeded with a native wildflower mix.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14th at 10am.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04pm.