

**Town of South Bethany
Community Relations Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2024**

In attendance: Ingrid Moore, Chair; Lisi Biciocchi, Robin Philipbar, Cathy Peck, Edie Dondero
Public attendees: 1

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Moore at 11:05am.

1. Approval of minutes of 12.7.2023

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

2. Public Comment

There were no comments offered.

3. Discussion and Planning of April Earth Day Event

Ms. Biciocchi reported that the Historical Society is interested in co-sponsoring a lecture in April that would link history and native plants. The SBHS has been in contact with a potential speaker from the Delaware Botanic Gardens and will take the lead in arranging the speaker and paying her an honorarium. The event will be held on Thursday, April 25th at 5pm.

Discussion followed about the SBHS' desire to hold a storytelling bonfire on the beach this summer. Unfortunately, the Town Code prohibits any bonfires unless they are sponsored by the Town. Since the Historical Society is not a Town-sponsored group, this event is not possible. The SBHS will likely hold the storytelling event without the bonfire component.

Ms. Dondero thought it would be nice to hold a stewardship-themed activity for Earth Day in addition to the lecture. A clean-up of canal ends was suggested and supported by the Committee. Ms. Dondero will speak with Public Works staff to see if this is logistically possible and feasible. If so, the event will be held on April 27 or 28.

4. Planning Community Blood Drive

Ms. Dondero reported that staff recently confirmed the April 19th date with the Blood Bank of Delmarva who will be running the event. They have not provided any further detail at this point, but any info about logistics will be relayed to the Committee as soon as it is received.

5. Movie on the Beach Selection for 2024

The Committee reviewed the catalog of new releases from the movie rental company and debated options for the July 30, 2024 event. Though the budget request has not yet been approved, Ms. Dondero felt it would be OK to go ahead and reserve the movie as soon as possible, assuming budget approval, so that the Committee's selection could be locked in. After much debate, a first and second choice were selected based on rating, running time, and reviews. Ms. Dondero will contact the company to make the reservation.

6. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Pending confirmation of Council room availability, the next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 26th at 10am. Ms. Moore will confirm and send an agenda as the date draws closer.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.

Minutes approved March 26, 2024