

SOUTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY CORRIDOR BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

The Southern Beaufort County Corridor Beautification Board (herein after known as the Board) Meeting was held on February 15, 2018 at the Myrtle Park Government Center 2nd Floor Conference Room, Bluffton, SC at 2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Glenn Stanford (Chairman)

Mr. Doug Novak (Vice-Chairman)

Ms. Sallie Bridgwater

Ms. C. J. Humphrey

Mr. Randy Boehme

Mr. Todd Theodore

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Stephen Brown

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Eric Greenway, Beaufort County Interim Planning Director

Ms. Amanda Flake, Beaufort County Natural Resource Planner

Ms. Nancy Moss, Beaufort County Planning Department

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Glenn Stanford called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chairman Stanford asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the January 18, 2018, Board meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Novak made a motion and Ms. Bridgwater seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the January 18, 2018 Board meeting. **The motion was carried unanimously to accept the minutes from the January 18, 2018, Board meeting** (FOR: Boehme, Bridgwater, Humphrey, Novak, Stanford and Theodore).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Reports from Board Members Regarding Meetings with Council Members:

Most of the Board members spoke with their Council member and received their full support for the highway Beautification projects. Councilman Stewart informed Chairman Stanford that funding for trash collection would take priority over funding for Beautification projects. The Board must pursue other beautification funding options; such as the County Tree Reforestation Fund, approach County Council in August, Hilton Head Flyover project beautification funds,

Town of Bluffton renegotiating development agreements along Highway 170 or Sun City for a contribution.

Randy Boehme suggested that cross-pollinators and wildflower plantings be considered for the remaining Highway 278 medians as a low cost alternative to the tree and shrub plantings. The Board was very receptive to this idea.

Landscape Median Project Update for Rose Hill/Belfair:

BrightView continues to perform good routine weekly maintenance and all plants look healthy. The Muhly grass plants have been trimmed back and a new layer of pine straw mulch has been applied to the plant beds. The Board asked that County staff contact Belfair to request that they ask Brightview to trim back the Muhly grass and apply new pine straw mulch in the plant beds at the Belfair light so their median plantings match the new median plantings.

Tanger Median Landscape Update:

This project will be discussed and voted on at the February 19, 2018 Natural Resources Committee and County Council meetings. All Board members were encouraged to attend to express support for this project. If this project is approved by Council, and other bidders do not protest the bid, the County will issue a Notice to Proceed to the low bidder on or about March 9, 2018. Chairman Stanford said that Chris Inglese reviewed the Tanger agreement and that there are no restrictions on the surplus Tanger funds. The Board expressed an interest in working with Monica Spells, the County Channel and local reporters to showcase the work and accomplishments of the Board.

Berkeley Hall Median Landscaping Update:

Chairman Stanford sent a funding request letter to County Council just before the annual retreat on February 9th & 10th. Initially, the funding request was well received by Council but it was later determined that Beautification projects would not be funded until the litter problem was addressed.

Funding Sources for Beautification Projects:

In addition to the other potential funding sources discussed earlier in the meeting, there may be an opportunity to obtain funding from the Jenkins Island Causeway Expansion project.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Stanford entertained a motion at 3:30 p.m. from Vice-Chairman Novak, and seconded by Ms. Bridgwater, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously (FOR: Boehme, Bridgwater, Humphrey, Novak, Stanford, Theodore).

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner