

SOUTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY CORRIDOR BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

The Southern Beaufort County Corridor Beautification Special Board (herein after known as the Board) Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Beaufort County Hilton Head Library, Small Conference Room, 11 Beach City Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926 at 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glenn Stanford (Chairman)

Doug Novak (Vice-Chairman)

Randy Boehme

Sallie Bridgwater

Roberta Cope-Foss

Todd Theodore

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stephen Brown

C. J. Humphrey

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Nancy R. Moss, Planner

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ms. Eleanor Lightsey, Lowcountry Inside Track

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Glenn Stanford called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Chairman Stanford asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the December 20, 2018, Board meeting. Hearing none, Vice-Chairman Novak made a motion and Ms. Bridgwater seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the December 20, 2018 Board meeting. The motion was carried unanimously to accept the minutes from the December 20, 2018, Board meeting (FOR: Boehme, Bridgwater, Foss, Novak, Stanford and Theodore).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Tanger Median Landscape Project Update:

The Crape Myrtle trees and shrubs have been installed. The daylilies are scheduled to be installed and the pine straw mulch will be applied by January 31, 2019 which will complete the installation phase for this project. At the Tanger 2 traffic light, some of the Crape Myrtles and saw palms have been struck by a car and will have to be replaced at the County's expense.

Berkeley Hall Funding Source:

The \$850,000 Lobeco Solar Farm tree mitigation funds have not been paid into the Beaufort County Tree Reforestation Fund yet but are expected in the near future. The Board unanimously determined that because the Berkeley Hall landscape plan segment has been approved by SCDOT, this portion of the Highway 278 Master Plan should be bid out first. County Staff will start to prepare the bid documents for this segment.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of New Mitigation Funds Allocated to Projects of the Board:

The installation of the Crape Myrtle trees is priority for the remaining unplanted and unfunded segments of Highway 278. County staff will count the number of Crape Myrtles shown on the Master Landscape plan within the last median segments between Tanger 1 and Belfair, which is approximately 3 miles long. Based upon recent unit bid prices, County Staff will provide a cost estimate to have the Crape Myrtles installed.

Identification of Priority Location for Next Segment(s):

After the Berkeley Hall segment is bid out, the last and longest segment is between Tanger 1 and Belfair and the Board would like to have Crape Myrtles planted, if there were left-over funds from the Lobeco Solar Farm Tree Reforestation contribution. County Staff will start to prepare the bid documents for this final segment.

Time Line for beginning projects under current SCDOT Permit:

The SCDOT Encroachment Permit will expire for the Highway 278 Master Landscape Plan August 24, 2019. The remaining unplanted medians must be bid out several months in advance of, and planted before, the expiration of the encroachment permit. The Board realizes that there is a jurisdictional conflict between the Town of Bluffton and Beaufort County, but would like to again appeal to the Town for financial support or in-kind maintenance services for the median landscaping between Tanger 1 and Belfair.

OTHER BUSINESS:

SBCCBB Annual Election for Chairman and Vice-Chairman:

Ms. Bridgwater made a motion that the Board re-elect the current Chairman and Vice-Chairman and nominated Glenn Stanford for Chairman and Doug Novak for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Theodore seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously to re-elect Glenn Stanford as Chairman and Doug Novak as Vice-Chairman. (FOR: Boehme, Bridgwater, Foss, Novak, Stanford and Theodore).

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Stanford entertained a motion at 3:00 p.m. from Mr. Novak, and seconded by Mr. Theodore, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously (FOR: Boehme, Bridgwater, Brown, Cope-Foss, Humphrey, Novak, Stanford, Theodore).

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner