SOUTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY CORRIDOR BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

The Southern Beaufort County Corridor Beautification Board (herein after known as the Board) Meeting was held on Thursday, March 21, 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.

Ms. Roberta Cope-Foss

Ms. C. J. Humphrey

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Doug Novak Mr. Randy Boehme Ms. Sallie Bridgwater

Mr. Stephen Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Todd Theodore

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Nancy R. Moss, Planner

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairman Doug Novak called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Vice-Chairman Novak asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the February 21, 2019, Board meeting. Hearing none, Ms. Bridgwater made a motion and Mr. Boehme seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the February 21, 2019 Board meeting. The motion was carried unanimously to accept the minutes from the February 21, 2019, Board meeting (FOR: Boehme, Bridgwater, Brown, Cope-Foss, Humphrey and Novak).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chairman Stanford's Resignation & Accomplishments on the SBCCBB:

Vice-Chairman Novak announced that Chairman Glenn Stanford resigned effective March 5, 2019 from the SBCCBB. The Board expressed their appreciation for all of Chairman Stanford's work on the Beautification Board and wished him well as Councilman for the Town of Hilton Head.

Nomination & Election of New Board Chairman:

Vice-Chairman Novak asked for nominations for the Chairman on the Board. After much discussion, it was unanimously decided that Doug Novak would serve as Interim Chairman and that Ms. Bridgwater would serve as Vice-Chair for the Board. For the next 2-3 month, Ms. Cope-Foss would become more familiar with the County procedures, the Board responsibilities and attend County Council and Committee meetings before assuming the position of Chair on the SBCCBB.

Tanger Median Landscape Project Update:

The two change orders issued to Hilton Head Landscapes (HHL) have been completed; the damaged Crape Myrtles have been replaced and the inlet clean-up and rip-rap installation was done. HHL received a Certificate of Completion on February 7, 2019. The Hilton Head Landscapes contract will expire on 02/07/2024 and after which, Tanger will take over the landscape maintenance of the medians.

Status of Possible New Tree Mitigation Funds

The solar panel project drawings were being amended by the applicant so this project has not received SRT approval. Per the Development Agreement, the mitigation funds must be deposited within 30 business days of start of construction (driving piles) of the solar facility. The mitigation funds are expected in May or June of this year.

Community Development Director, Eric Greenway, sent a message to the Board which indicated that a second solar panel project was being planned, is expected in the next 5 months and that a development agreement would provide Tree Mitigation Funds, but that the mitigation funds would not be as much as is expected for the first solar project.

Preliminary Report of Crape Myrtle Installation Project on Balance of Highway 278:

Beaufort County Staff contacted the Purchasing Department to determine the proper procedure to bid work out the Crape Myrtle installation. Because the work will be done in a separate median segment, this work must be bid out with new bid documents. County Staff is preparing the bid documents.

The final 3-mile segment (between Tanger 1 & Belfair) of the Highway 278 Master Plan is being revised so that the Moonlight Magic Crape Myrtle will be substituted for the Natchez Crape Myrtle and the Tonto Crape Myrtle will be substituted for Tuskegee Crape Myrtle. There are a total of

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144 Crape Myrtles which are estimated to cost \$36,000 to install, including the 1-year warranty & maintenance period.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Cope-Foss asked that Staff send the ordinance and duties expected of the SBCCBB and the relevant County Council and Committee meeting dates to each Board member. Mr. Novak asked that Staff also send a total dollar amount needed to complete the Highway 278 landscape Master Plan (between Tanger 1 & Belfair). Ms. Cope-Foss suggested that each Board member contact their respective County Council member to relay the progress of the Board and the funds needed for the various beautification projects. Mr. Boehme will reach out to the Town of Bluffton Beautification Committee to propose a cooperative effort between the Town and County in completing the landscaping in the Highway 278 medians from Tanger 1 to Belfair.

Next meeting – Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at the Beaufort County Government Center, 2nd Floor, 4819 Bluffton Parkway, Bluffton, SC 29910.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner