+SOUTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY CORRIDOR BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

The Southern Beaufort County Corridor Beautification Board (herein after known as the Board) Meeting was held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at the Beaufort County Government Center, 2nd Floor, 4819 Bluffton Parkway, Bluffton, SC 29910 at 2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Doug Novak, Interim Chairman
Ms. Roberta Cope-Foss
Mr. Randy Boehme
Ms. C. J. Humphrey
Mr. Stephen Brown
Mr. Todd Theodore

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Sallie Brach, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Eric Greenway, AICP, Community Development Director Ms. Nancy R. Moss, Planner

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mr. Joe Crowley, Lowcountry Inside Track
Dave Waugh, Town of Bluffton Beautification Committee Chairman
Bryan McEllwee, Town of Bluffton Engineering Department

CALL TO ORDER:

Interim Chairman Doug Novak called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

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

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Cooperative Efforts Between the Beaufort County & the Town of Bluffton Beautification Boards:

Mr. Boehme met with Marc Orlando, Bluffton Town Manager, and determined that it was in the best interest of the County and the Town to have joint beautification meetings; this meeting was the first date possible to coordinate efforts to beautify the medians.

January and February will be the strategic budget planning time for the town of Bluffton. The County plans for the new budget in January. The respective beautification boards should reach out to their Councilmembers to request beautification funding in the next budget.

The Southern Lowcountry (SOLOCO) Regional Board meeting occurs once a month to discuss regional issues and it would be beneficial for the Town and County Beautification Board representatives to make a presentation at the September SOLOCO meeting to advance the median beautification efforts. The beautification boards must request to be added to the SOLOCO agenda. Ms. Cope-Foss expressed an interest in making a presentation on behalf of the SBCCBB and wanted before & after photos of the Highway 278 median projects at Belfair and Tanger. It would be useful to secure statements from citizens about the median improvements.

Tanger Median Landscape Project Update:

Hilton Head Landscape (HHL) received a Certificate of Completion on February 7, 2019. HHL continues to perform monthly warranty & maintenance work. The landscape contract will expire on 02/07/2024; after which, Tanger will take over the landscape maintenance of the medians.

Berkeley Hall Hall Median Landscape Project Update:

On May 23, 2019, Beaufort County received four bids from local landscape contractors. The evaluation committee from the Community Development Department selected the low bidder, BrightView Landscape Services, as the most responsive bidder. On June 17th the Natural Resources Committee approved to recommend award to BrightView Landscape Services. Council will vote on final approval of this contract at the Monday, June 24, 2019 Council Meeting.

Status of Solar Panel Project Tree Mitigation Finds:

The development permit was issued on March 27, 2019. According to the Development Agreement, the mitigation money will be due to Beaufort County 30 business days after the pile construction begins. The mitigation funds are expected around the first week of July.

The County is working on another solar panel project and approximately \$65,000 of tree mitigation funds would be available for median beautification.

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Beautification Board Vacancies:

There are currently two SBCCBB vacancies. Councilman Brian Flewelling, District 5 and Councilman Chris Hervochon, District 8 are actively searching for candidates to fill the vacant seats.

Mr. Boehme announced that in order to serve on the Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board, he had to resign from the SBCCBB and that this would be his last meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Final 3-mile Hwy. 278 Median Landscape Segment:

The modified landscape plans for the medians between Tanger 1 & Westbury Park Way have been submitted to SCDOT for review and approval. The 144 larger crape myrtles originally specified on the plans were substituted with dwarf crape myrtles to match the Tanger crape myrtles. The shrubs, ornamental grasses and groundcovers plantings are not be part of the landscaping work. Because this project is expected to be under \$50,000 the County will request 3 quotes from local landscape companies; they will have 15 days to respond with a quote.

Next meeting – Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Beaufort County Hilton Head Library, Small Conference Room, 11 Beach City Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Interim Chairman Novak entertained a motion at 3:10 p.m. from Mr. Theodore, and seconded by Mr. Boehme, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously (FOR: Boehme, Brown, Cope-Foss, Humphrey, Novak, Theodore).

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner