

APPEARANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 13, 2023

A meeting of the Appearance and Beautification Committee was held at the Bel Air Armory on February 13, 2023 at 7:03 PM in Bel Air, Maryland. Jenny Dombeck, Chair, presided. Members present included Elaine Millard, Sue Niewenhaus, Deanna Richards and Bonnie Bailey. Also, present Charlie Dawson from the Department of Public Works, Donna Kahoe, Commissioner, Peg Lucas, Downtown Alliance and Gary Williams, Guest.

Old Business

Minutes of January 9, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

Town Planning

Donna Kahoe announced that the town is still looking at Burns Alley for renovation.

Treasurer's Report – Deanna Richards

The remaining balance for the 2022-23 budget is \$28,799.96.

Awards – Kristy Sudbrink

Jenny announced that the committee members should start looking at homes and business for the Home, Business and Phoenix Awards.

Christmas

No report.

Clean-Up – Committee

No report.

Landscaping – Jenny Dombeck

The bids for the gardener are due to Public Works the 3rd week in February 2023. Bids for the flowers are due January 11, 2023. Gene's Evergreens will continue to plant the flowers for the baskets. Flowers selected are red and pink begonias and white vinca. Charlie Dawson announced that the town is looking at fixing up Courtland Street next to the Courthouse.

Garden Mart – Elaine Millard

The Garden Mart will be held on May 19, 2023. The 2024 Garden Mart date has been scheduled for Friday, May 17th. Tracey Waite, Harford County Climate Action Group, has requested a table for the 2023 Garden Mart. Letters were sent out January 19th to the high schools and are awaiting responses. In process of contacting the teachers who were in charge of student participation for North Harford, Bel Air and Edgewood High Schools. Evergreen

Garden Club and the Harford County Climate Action Group will have their tables outside. Friendship Garden Club has requested to be inside the Armory. The Just Having Fun Singers will perform this year. Crossroads Bistro will provide the food truck. Counter cards were made and distributed to all the Garden Clubs, Harford County Climate Action Group and Harford County Master Gardeners.

Downtown Alliance – Peg Lucas

Banner schedule needs to be re-looked at again to ensure banners are being displayed. The Chocolate, Brew and Wine Tour will be held March 4, 2023 from 12:00 to 7:00 PM, more information can be found on the Downtown Alliance Website.

Announcements -

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM. The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 13, 2023, starting at 7:00 PM at the Bel Air Armory.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie B Bailey