

APPEARANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 9, 2022

A meeting of the Appearance and Beautification Committee was held on May 9, 2022 at 7:02 PM. Jenny Dombeck, Chair, presided. Members present included Sue Niewenhaus, Elaine Millard, Kristy Sudbrink and Bonnie Bailey. Steve Kline from Public Works, Peg Lucas from Downtown Alliance and Mr. Bart Bodt (guest) also attended.

Old Business

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Town Planning

No update.

Treasurer's Report – Deanna Richards

To date we have a remaining balance of \$22,978.

Awards – Kristy Sudbrink

To raise awareness of the awards, Kristy brought up an idea of providing a sign for the winners of the awards (residential, business and Phoenix) to put on their yards. These signs would be the same size as the election notice signs and presented at the awards ceremony. It would not be a requirement for the winners to post the signs.

Christmas – Sue Niewenhaus

We will re-organize the Christmas decorations on May 23rd at 4 PM. Steve Kline will have the boxes outside in numerical order in preparation for organizing.

Clean-Up – Committee report

A house in the 200 block Courtland Street has a boat and trailer which extend past the front of the house.

Landscaping – Jenny Dombeck

Baskets are ready to be hung and planting in the flower beds will start May 16th. The hostas have been removed from Alice Anne Park and additional native plants (Bel Air Five) will be planted soon.

New Business.

No update.

Downtown Alliance – Peg Lucas

Music on Main is up and going. The Alliance is still waiting on furniture for the individual work spaces for rent at 5 North Main Street. The Pocket Park on Office Street will be completed this summer. An agreement is being worked with Harford Mutual for the Pocket Park on Bond Street. The Façade Improvement Program is available for businesses, improvement must be approved by the Alliance and funding is provided by the business and grants procured by the Alliance.

Garden Mart – Elaine Millard

The 2022 Garden Mart is scheduled for Friday, May 20th. All four garden clubs, the Master Gardener and Andrew Bodt (DPW) will participate. The Just Having Fun Singers will perform, and the Climate Action Group will have a table and intend to sell Native Host Plants for the Bel Air Five. A food truck will be available from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Starbucks is providing coffee. Kelly Mills from the Edgewood Public Library will have a table at the Garden Mart to hand out packets of wild flower seeds. Patty Parker put an article about the Garden Mart in the Bel Air Patch and another will be in the Aegis.

Winter Wonderland – Patti Parker

No update.

Announcements –

None.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM. The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 13, 2022, starting at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Bailey