

Minutes of the Beautification Committee Meeting  
July 10, 2006

Attending: Gordon (Chair), Clark, Gonsalves, Larrick, Nelder, and Ufferman (Commissioner)  
Visitors: Judy and Roy Yount

I. Meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

I.

II. Previous minutes were unavailable

III. Reports on project statuses:

A. Atlantic Avenue architect status

Commissioner Ufferman reported that Commissioner Montgomery had selected the architect (Sawyer) and that the time frame for the project begins when the sewer and street are completed. Gordon recommended that some projects could be phased in before that time. Gordon requested that Ufferman ask Montgomery to attend the next committee meeting.

Clark distributed preliminary information from survey of Atlantic Avenue residents.

B. Median tree planting

Gordon reported that his proposal to the Urban Forestry Project for planting trees in the median on South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue was approved with a budget of \$3200, which would buy approximately 20 trees. Gordon will speak with the First Baptist Church officials to notify them of a November planting. He will seek volunteer planters. Larrick suggested planting some yaupon holly trees among the live oaks.

C. Town Hall Tourist Development Authority funding

Ufferman reported that new leaders at TDA will approve funds only for tourist-related projects. Requests for TDA funds are on hold. Ufferman will request new leaders' criteria for proposals.

However, Ufferman reported, the committee still has \$2000 approved by Council for landscaping Town Hall entrance. Gonsalves suggested hiring RTM Landscapes, who had previously submitted architectural drawings. Larrick suggested also contacting Seasaples. Gordon will contact.

D. Sign painting

Larrick completed painting the Town Hall sign and was unanimously commended. She will instruct future volunteers (to be solicited at Town

Council meeting) in procedures for painting the four other town signs. Gordon will check with Public Works to see if painting supplies can be stored there.

Larrick also suggested installing shrubs around Town Hall sign when sprinklers or drip watering system is ready. Ufferman will check sprinkler system to see if and where it is working.

#### E. Dog bag dispensers

Discussion of dog bag dispensers reverted to two contradictory points: committee wants to encourage refuse disposal, and committee does not want to encourage dogs on the beach. Gordon noted that Smith's report would be forthcoming.

#### F. Community Center landscaping

Gonsalves noted that there is no final word on approval of CC parking lot. Work would not begin until after Labor Day.

#### G. Other signage - Dow Road

No report.

### IV. Other business

#### A. Tourist trash

All noted that Ft. Fisher Blvd. is an eyesore between Saturday when tourists leave and push trashcans to street and Monday or Tuesday when trash is picked up. Clark suggested considering a town ordinance that would require houses with more than three bedrooms to have extra trashcans. Ufferman noted that the town has not been enforcing garbage rules.

#### B. Unsightly vacant lots

Gordon noted that Altieri building lot at entrance to Kure Beach is unsightly. Others noted weeds and trash on vacant lots. Ufferman again pointed out that there is no ordinance covering trash on vacant lots. Gordon will contact Altieri directly to request cleanup. Nelder will email Fuller, Montgomery, and Lambeth to request cleanup procedures throughout town.

#### C. Empty lot at Sandman & Anchor

Committee requested that Ufferman arrange for town's attorney to attend next meeting to talk about deed from Hearn. Larrick urged that we plant only trees native to the island and that we do not install benches or walkways that would generate noise and litter in the residential neighborhood. Nelder suggested calling lot "green space."

#### D. Parks Bond

Kure Beach will receive \$200,000 from the New Hanover County Parks Dept. for projects of a recreational nature. If a project included access to water, an additional \$600,000 could be forthcoming. Clark relayed a suggestion from a town resident to install a "Mr. Boardwalk" walkway for pedestrians and bike riders on the site of the former South Atlantic Avenue (3 blocks south of the pier). Ufferman will check the legality of such a project.

E. Landscaper position

Ufferman noted that a position for a landscaper would be included in the January 2007 budget update. Gordon suggested hiring a contractor for a while until landscaping projects are completed. Ufferman suggested hiring a town employee for beautification to handle landscaping and beach accesses, possibly to be housed in the Inspections Department. Committee will draw up job description (see attached draft from Clark).

- V. Next meeting set for Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>
- VI. Gordon adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Candace Clark

Draft of job description

Landscaper tasks:

Remove weeds at entrance signs, N Avenue & Atlantic, town hall sign, Joe Eakes Park, police department, fire department

Prune Town Hall trees, shrubs

Weed-and-feed Town Hall lawn

Install irrigation systems at signs

Check irrigation systems at Town Hall and signs

Remove stones at Town Hall entrance

Install landscaping fabric and mulch at Town Hall

Water and feed live oaks (& future) trees

Maintain beach accesses

Maintain dune fences on Atlantic Avenue