

Minutes of Beautification Committee meeting of March 9, 2009

Present: Withrow (chairing), Clark, Cox, Eccleston, Gonsalves, Weibe. Also attending: Nelder, James, Falco, Snell

Absent: Smith, Gordon

1. Withrow called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Minutes of the 2/2009 meeting were not necessary because meeting had no quorum.
3. Old business

A. Atlantic Avenue

1) Michelle James explained that:

The Town had posted a notice on the Town's website on March 6 notifying interested persons that they could prequalify to bid on the boardwalk extension project.

Deadline for prequalifying is March 13.

Sawyer architects will not have construction documents until March 18th.

Town will send bid packages with construction documents to those who prequalified only (closed bid) on March 18th.

Bid will go to lowest qualified bidder.

Construction will be done in spring or, at the latest, fall.

2) Withrow updated committee on latest boardwalk plans: on grade at beach crossovers, otherwise elevated.

3) Discussion ensued on whether or not the arrival of the architects' final plans and sending the plans to bidders would allow citizens or Council time to inspect the plans.

4) Wiebe suggested recommending up to 5 types of plants for Council to include in bid. Plantings serve purposes of preventing erosion, discouraging

vehicles on road shoulder, and enhancing appearance of roadside. Plants must withstand salt spray, sandy and salty soil, frost, drought, hurricanes, deer, and varmints. Committee agreed on bermuda grass, dwarf podocarpus, wild morning glories, soft leaved yucca, and gaillardia.

B. Sign project

Withrow noted that minutes of the special Town Council meeting with committee chairs in February indicate we should proceed with a proposal to commission RAGS to create a unified sign plan for Town signs. He will present proposal at the March 17 Town Council meeting.

Clark noted that Dugan indicated signage for the Ocean Front Park would use the new unified sign design.

C. K Ave planters

Withrow will also ask Council to approve the proposal for planters on K and Ft. Fisher, as per Gary Cox's drawings.

D. Sandman Project on hold

E. Oceanfront Park

Withrow reported that the committee met with the architects, who held discussion sessions to receive input from residents on plans.

Another open meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16th from 1 to 3 pm at Town Hall

4. New business: The committee voted to recommend Bob Falco as a new member and Elaine Eisberg as an alternate.

The next meeting was set for April 13th at 4 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Clark

Kure Beach Beautification Projects 2009

Project	Description	Estimated Budget
Standard Signs	Goals/overview Distance each sign is read from, Fit the environment and be pleasing to the eye, overall design- common elements and sign to serve everyone, Durability and maintenance. Consolidate as many signs as possible. Identification signs for park entry, beach access, public buildings, and ect. regulatory signs (DOT) and direction signs. study for overall common appearance unique to Kure Beach and cost/ Maintenance.	\$750.00
Existing Planters	study the use of non invasive low maintenance will flowers on going maintenance required	\$125.00
K Ave Project	Island at Fort Fisher And K Ave Build a planter and install planting on going maintenance required	\$825.00
Tree Grant	Study possibility of continuing our tree plantings as we have done in the past on going maintenance required	\$0.00
City Hall Landscape	Re-mulch and add additional plants as needed. maintenance	\$1,500.00
		\$3,200.00