



**AMHERST COUNTY
ROUTE 29 BUSINESS
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**



MINUTES

Administrative Office Complex
153 Washington St.
Amherst VA, 24521
Administration Conference Room

1. Call to Order

Members Present: Beverly Jones, Ruth Martineau, Jeremy, Bryant, Calvin Kennon, Lori Saunders, Benita Unrue, Teresa Brooks & Dottie Rucker

Members Absent: John Ruff

Staff Present: Stacey Stinnett

Staff Absent: Tyler Creasy

Chairwoman Jones called the meeting to order at 4:20 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Route 29 Business Committee Recommendation:

Motion: To amend the agenda by striking #7.

Motion made by: Teresa Brooks

Second: Calvin Kennon

Motion carried by 8-0 vote.

3. Approval of Minutes for April 28, 2021

Route 29 Business Committee Recommendation:

Motion: To approve the minutes for April 28, 2021 as submitted.

Motion made by: Teresa Brooks

Second: Jeremy Bryant

Motion carried by 8-0 vote.

A. April 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes

4. Citizens Comments

There were none.

5. Results from Committees Ranked Survey

A. Committee Results

Jeremy Bryant reviewed the survey that had been put in order by rank. Mr. Bryant stated that the following would be handled by VDOT and would not require action by the Route 29 Business Beautification Corridor Committee.

- 1) Maintenance of the trees already planted is long overdue, especially of the crepe myrtle trees.
- 2) Fix the potholes on road between Dairy Queen and McDonalds.
- 3) Repave the exits.

The following items were discussed during the field trip that the committee took on May 26, 2021.

- 1) Include a sign as you leave the corridor saying, "We hope you enjoyed the Perfect Slice of Virginia".
- 2) Adding flowers and landscaping around the Madison Heights Fire Department Sign.
- 3) Ask Sam Bryant with Public Safety if he could fund a new sign, paint the door, add a black metal roof, remove the bench and old marquee sign at the Madison Heights Fire Station.
- 4) Adding Yoshino Cherry trees in area in front of Dairy Queen.
- 5) Cut overgrowth near Route 163 before Specialty Exterminating Company.
- 6) Ask VDOT to strengthen signs and remove weeds.
- 7) Cut and kill weeds in concrete median.
- 8) Landscape around County entrance sign.
- 9) Check with Building Department about the tree growing in Dawson Aluminum Building.
- 10) Reach out to Trevor Gillespie about landscaping in front of his new building and applying for the mini-grant.
- 11) Check with AEP about cable lines that are not used (CC: Lori Saunders).
- 12) Violation letter to Sunny Bright Car Wash on their sign.

6. Road Side Sign Map

A. Map

Mr. Bryant explained that staff had taken the regulations that they were given from VDOT and added about 12/13 signs in defined areas within the corridor and showed where proposed signs could be placed based on spacing requirements.

7. Old/New Business

Chairwoman Jones requested that staff get a letter written regarding absentees of an existing committee member.

The committee discussed a "Looking Good Program" being recognized by the press and invited to the Chamber of Commerce Dinner. Next dinner will be held in September.

Chairwoman Jones stated that she would like for staff to clean up Route 29 Business Beautification Website page.

Mr. Bryant stated that since there are many current ideas and projects that have been brought forward he advised the committee to hold off on increasing the Mini Grant application.

The committee would like to see a recognition and thank you letter submitted to "Tire Monkey" for their landscaping in front of their building enhancing the corridor.

Chairwoman Jones stated that she would like to see the committee generate thank you letters and brochures and have them generated throughout the community to help advertise this committee and what "we are all about."

8. Adjournment

Route 29 Business Beautification Committee Recommendation:

Motion: Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by: Lori Saunders

Second: Ruth Martineau

Motion carried by a 8-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Chairman