



**AMHERST COUNTY
ROUTE 29 BUSINESS
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**



MINUTES

DATE: August 24, 2022
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: Administrative Office Comp

1. Call to Order

Members Present: Beverly Jones, Calvin Kennon, Benita Unrue, Teresa Brooks and Jeremy Bryant

Members Available Virtual: Lori Saunders

Members Absent: Dottie Rucker and Tony McBride

Staff Present: Stacey Stinnett

Madam Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Route 29 Business Committee Recommendation:

Motion: To approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion made by: Brooks

Second: Unrue

Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

3. Approval of Minutes for July 27, 2022

A. Minutes

Route 29 Business Committee Recommendation:

Motion: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Motion made by: Kennon

Second: Brooks

Motion carried by a 5-0 vote. (Bryant was absent)

4. Citizens Comments

There were none.

5. Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program

A. Attachment

Bryant briefly reviewed the Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program with the committee. The committee shared ideas about how they could get creative by applying for the grant.

Kennon was curious if this grant would apply to the overgrown kudzu behind his business since it has taken over the trees.

6. Revised Mini-Grant Application

A. Application

Jones pointed out an error in the revised application. Bryant stated that he would correct the application.

7. Budget Review

Bryant stated that as of today the committee has \$45,244.32 in their budget.

8. Old/New Business

Bryant briefly updated the committee on the Morcom Development and Madison Heights Town Centre Development.

The committee discussed Dollar General, the previous location of Flower Basket and CVS along the corridor that needed to be notified regarding their over growth of vegetation. Bryant stated he would look into notifying these properties.

Kennon mentioned the overgrown kudzu behind his business and asked if anyone had any suggestions. Jones asked Bryant to reach out to the Sheriffs Department to see if inmates could assist with the clean-up of the overgrown kudzu. Bryant stated that he would send an email to E.W. Viar requesting his assistance.

The committee discussed the water lines throughout the corridor and how it hinders potential business owners because of the costs. The committee felt that the Service Authority needed to be more feasible and compatible compared to other adjoining localities. Kennon was concerned that this was turning businesses away from locating to Amherst County.

Saunders stated that she had spoken to Bob Hopkins with the Service Authority regarding the status of painting the water tower and, unfortunately, the project has been put on hold because Hopkins stated that the price had increased three times from the initial quote.

9. Adjournment

Route 29 Business Committee Recommendation:

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by: Brooks

Second: Unrue

Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Chairman