



**AMHERST COUNTY
ROUTE 29 BUSINESS
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**



MINUTES

DATE: September 28, 2022
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: Administrative Office Comp

1. Call to Order

Members Present: Beverly Jones, Calvin Kennon, Tony McBride, Benita Unrue, Jeremy Bryant, Lori Rucker and Dottie Rucker

Members Available Virtual: Teresa Brooks

Staff Present: Stacey Stinnett

Madam Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Route 29 Business Committee Recommendation:

Motion: To approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion made by: Saunders

Second: Jones

Motion carried by a 8-0 vote.

3. Approval of Minutes for August 24, 2022

A. Minutes

Route 29 Business Committee Recommendation:

Motion: Motion to approve the minutes with one grammar change..

Motion made by: Kennon

Second: Jones

Motion carried by a 6-0 vote. (Rucker and McBride were absent)

4. Citizens Comments

There were none.

5. Wildflower Update - Lori Saunders

Lori Saunders said that the daffodil bulbs were ordered and should arrive next week. She stated that she had spoken with Brian Thacker, Director of Public Works, and he felt that by late November he could have a couple of ground workers from his department to plant the bulbs.

6. VDOT Discussion

Mr. Bryant stated that he had had discussions with VDOT representative, Robert Brown, many times regarding maintenance mowing and weed clean-up. Mr. Bryant stated that he is reaching out to VDOT but VDOT just isn't getting the job done.

7. Budget Review

Mr. Bryant stated that nothing has been deducted since the last meeting and the total is currently \$45,244.32

8. Old/New Business

The committee briefly had a discussion regarding the news ad about Madison Heights Association losing its bid to host the World Series Tournament in 2024 due to the appearance of the Route 29 Business Corridor. Mr. Bryant introduced the idea of hiring someone paid by the county to be dedicated to just work the Route 29 Business Corridor picking up trash, mowing, weed eating and overall maintaining the corridor. Mr. Bryant stated that he has become frustrated with VDOT and they aren't getting the job done. Mr. Bryant stated that he would like to see a list of reasons why the corridor didn't qualify or perhaps speak with a representative from the World Series Tournament Association to get feedback on the corridor.

There was a consensus for staff to reach back out to Robert Brown with VDOT and ask what would be required if they hired someone. The committee would like to see this brought back to them by the next meeting.

Ms. Jones stated that she felt Amherst County Public Works Department should be maintaining the corridor with the ground keepers that they currently have working for the county.

Mr. Bryant asked Mr. McBride if he could replace the three (3) to four (4) banners at the Foodlion and one banner at Rivers Edge Park.

The committee briefly discussed replacing the banners soon because they were nearing the three (3) year mark of being installed and most of the banners were fading and showing some wear and tear due to age and the weather.

9. Adjournment

Route 29 Business Committee Recommendation:

Motion: Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by: Jones

Second: Kennon

Motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.


Chairman