AMHERST COUNTY
ROUTE 29 BUSINESS
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

DATE: July 25, 2023
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: Administrative Office Comp

1. Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beverly Jones (Chair), Calvin Kennon, Tony McBride, Benita Unrue, Teresa Brooks, Nate Young, Virginia Myers and Dottie Rucker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lori Saunders

STAFF PRESENT: Tyler Creasy and Stacey Stinnett

STAFF ABSENT: Deputy Martin

Madam Chair Jones called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Route 29 Business Beautification Recommendation:
Motion: Motion made to approve the agenda.
Motion made by: Brooks
Second: Kennon
Motion carried by a 8-0 vote.

3. Approval of Minutes for June 27, 2023

A. Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Route 29 Business Beautification Recommendation:

Motion: Motion to approve the June 27, 2023 meeting minutes.
Motion made by: Kennon
Second: Brooks
Motion carried by a 6-0 vote. (Myers abstained)

4. Mini-Grant Discussion

Mr. Young briefly reviewed the Mini-Grant application for Kay Rowe and Ann Staton. The request is for funds to demolish a derelict property within the corridor.

Route 29 Business Beautification Recommendation:
Motion: Motion to approve Kay Rowe and Ann Staton application for $2500 with the exception that if more funding is requested then the applicant can bring the application back to the committee to reconsider amount without any time constraints.
Motion made by: Brooks
Second: Kennon
Motion carried by a 8-0 vote.

5. Discussion of Action List

A. Attachment

Mr. Creasy stated that he would see that the letters for VDOT and Judge Eggleston were reviewed and sent out by mail this month.

Mr. Creasy stated that he would be working with the Chamber of Commerce to compile a list of businesses throughout the corridor.

6. Discussion of Second Quarter Winner of the A+ Improvement Award - Casio & Sons Construction

Staff reminded the committee for those that could attend to meet at Cascio Son's Construction on July, 26th at 11:00 am to present the second quarter A+Improvement Award.

7. Charter Discussion

A. Charter

Mr. Creasy stated that a revision to the Route 29 Business Beautification Charter needed to be made to include one additional staff member since the Community Development Department is adding the building official as a voting member. Mr. Creasy stated that since the Route 29 Business Beautification was a sub committee of the Planning Commission, he would have to bring this up at the next meeting and get their approval.

Route 29 Business Beautification Recommendation:
Motion: Motion made to add an additional staff member to the charter.
Motion made by: Brooks
Second: Kennon
Motion carried by a 8-0 vote.

There was a discussion and a consensus amongst the committee to have Mr. Creasy contact the necessary agencies to recruit a (non-voting) youth member onthe committee.

8. Budget Review

Mr. Young briefly reviewed the budget.

9. Old/New Business

Mr. Young mentioned that the water tower in Madison Heights would be painted this fall. However, another estimate would be required.

Mr. Young stated that the new maintenance position had been filled and that person was currently in training. The committee all agreed that they would like this individual to attend the monthly meetings.

The committee discussed the Madison Heights community sign and there was a consensus amongst the group to review the designs and finalize at the next meeting.

Mr. Kennon reminded the committee about the Sherriffs Night Out on August 5th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Mr. Kennon stated that he would be able to volunteer at the event setting up a booth for the Route 29 Business Beautification Committee. Teresa Brooks, Benita Unrue and Nate Young said they would be able to participate as well.

Mr.Kennon directed staff to get him a flier advertising the youth position on the committee for him to hand out at the event. Mr. Kennon also directed staff to provide him with the tent, table, table cloth, chairs and the promotional items to hand out. Ms. Myers stated she would get trash bags and trash pickers and supply them to Mr. Kennon for the event.

Mr. Creasy stated that he is currently working on an application to VACO Awards Submission recognizing the efforts of the Route 29 Business Beautification Committee.

10. Adjournment

There being no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.

Route 29 Business Beautification Recommendation:

Motion: Motion made to adjourn.
Motion made by: Brooks
Second: Unrue
Motion carried by a 8-0 vote.

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Chairman