



**AMHERST COUNTY
ROUTE 29 BUSINESS
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**



MINUTES

DATE: January 30, 2024
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: Administrative Office Comp

1. Call to Order

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lori Saunders

STAFF PRESENT: Stacey Stinnett, Dylan Clegg, Deputy S.W. Martin & Jeremy Lombardo

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Route 29 Business Beautification Committee Recommendation:

Motion to approve that agenda.

Motion made by: Brooks

Second: McBride

Motion carried by a 8-0 vote.

3. Approval of Minutes for October 24, 2023 and January 3, 2024

A. January 3, 2024 Minutes

Route 29 Business Beautification Committee Recommendation:

Motion to approve the January 3, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion made by: Rucker

Second: Kennon

Motion carried by a 6-0 vote. (Unrue and Brooks abstained)

B. October 24, 2023 Minutes

Route 29 Business Beautification Committee Recommendation:

Motion to approve the October 24, 2023 meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion made by: Kennon

Second: McBride

Motion carried by a 7-0 vote. (McBride abstained)

Committee member, Virginia Myers, arrived at 4:03 pm.

4. Amended Mini Grant Application

A. Revised Application

Mr. Creasy briefly reviewed the changes that were made to the revised mini-grant application.

5. Madison Heights Community Sign

A. Attachment

The committee discussed the design of the Madison Heights Community Sign. There were mixed reactions among the committee members regarding the branding design of the window. Some members felt it did not represent the community as a whole, while others felt that the design represented certain landmarks and history of the Madison Heights area.

The committee came to a consensus to have Tony McBride bring back two (2) mock designs at the next meeting. One design will have the wave and window removed, while the other design will include the blue wave and the green window.

6. Available Grant Funding

A. Discussion

Mr. Creasy discussed the handout regarding the Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program and informed the committee that if they were interested in applying for the Route 29 Business Corridor, to let him know. The application would be due March 7, 2024, and Mr. Creasy requested at least a week and a half notice so that he had time to prepare.

7. Budget Review

A. Attachment

Mrs. Stinnett briefly reviewed the Route 29 Business Beautification Committee budget.

Mrs. Stinnett reminded Mr. Young that the Rowe and Staton mini-grant check had not been

issued because she would need an invoice and W2 form completed before notifying the accounting department.

8. Old & New Business

There was a brief discussion regarding the status of the following: the house across from 84 Lumber with the rock, the vacant house behind the self-serve gas station, and trailers parked in front of the house near Motor World.

Chair Jones commented that the county funded ads on social media didn't recognize Madison Heights or the southern end of the county. Chair Jones stated that she would like the staff to look into this matter and bring attention to who is responsible so that Madison Heights can be included in pictures and drone footage.

Mr. Lombardo informed the committee that Dylan Clegg has taken a position as a truck driver for Public Works and that his replacement would be Warren Gillespie.

The committee thanked Mr. Clegg for his efforts in cleaning up trash and debris along the corridor.

9. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42.

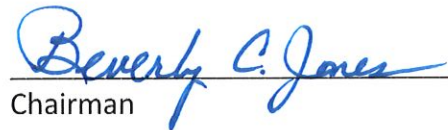
Route 29 Business Beautification Committee Recommendation:

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by: Brooks

Second: McBride

Motion carried by a 9-0 vote.


Chairman

