

South Huron Communities in Bloom (CIB)

Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2016

Attendees: Cathy Seip, Glen Nicholson, Dave Atthill, Bev Prout, Dorothy Henderson

Regrets: Beth Cooper, Craig Hebert

1. Call to Order:

- Cathy S. called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm in the Verity Room at the Municipal Office.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the November 16 meeting were adopted by Dorothy H. and Glen N.

3. Updates:

- Home Show is March 31st to April 1st. Cathy, Dave and Dorothy met with Robin from My FM to discuss using foyer for speaker Ken Brown to give presentation. Costs will be \$300 for a standard booth. Dave to reserve spot.
- Bev Prout lead discussion on Barn Quilt trail event.
 - Bev attending barn Quilt meeting on Tuesday.
 - 3 people are interested
 - Looking into what size the displays need to be. 8 feet x 8 feet or smaller. Costs for 8'x 8' \$ 525 per unit
 - Bev contacted Art around Town committee and a couple people might be interested.
 - Contact heritage committee.
 - Plowing match organization getting the Barn Quilt tour set for next year. The CIB Barn Quilt planning will continue with our own separate branch tour from the plowing match tour.
 - Need an information flyer in order to hand out to interested participants.

- Cathy to help Bev organize.
- Kirkton hall could be a location for painting and designing finish of quilts.
- Ideas to involve an historical element. The idea is to go find the different quilts, learn some local history, draw people to the community and promote our local businesses.
- Displays must be visible from a paved road.
- Reviewed 2016 evaluation
 - Municipal Departments need to do their role in making improvements.
 - The comment was made that the Municipality staff are getting a lot of the tasks to do not the committee. The CIB committee and municipal staff each have their role to play in improving our community.
 - Actions items will be worked on by Municipality staff and CIB committee members.
 - Huron Village Green area is a County project to help improve that community they do pay taxes like other South Huron residents.
 - Hire a part time horticultural student for summer.
 - Areas that need attention are pollinator garden, Butter fly garden and area east of the Ode Town office beside wheel chair ramp behind.

4. New Business — Events or projects:

- CIB presentation to council
 - Cathy reported that the presentation to council on Monday was well received by council. Grand Bend Area Wastewater Treatment honourable mention plaque Facility Landscape was presented to council. The plant is a state of the art facility with little environmental impact. Volunteers planted thousands of seedlings that turned this space into a wonderful landscape.
 - The Municipality's CAO, Dan Best, has shared the profile book with the economic development committee .The profile book could become a marketing tool for business development.
- Cathy reported there was no beautification meeting. It appears there will be no flower barrels in the down town Exeter this year.
- Mosaic benches picked up and stored for the winter. The benches will be installed at the Down Town Parkette in the spring.
- Dorothy will submit articles for paper to help promote South Huron CIB and find information for the profile book. Articles can be posted on web site. List of landscape areas in Exeter was provided to the committee. The CIB committee and the articles in the paper will work on developing the adopt a garden program .
- The garden of the week program we could do more to show our appreciation.

This is the third year for the 'Garden Ontario Week'. This year it is the week of June 10.

- Elections of South Huron CIB Committee Elections
 - Cathy was nominated for chair by Dorothy and seconded by Glenn. This motion passed unanimously.
 - Dorothy was nominated for vice –chair Bev and Seconded by Glenn. This motion passed unanimously.
 - New members will be added to the CIB committee and submitted in accordance with the Appointments By-Law in January.
- Advertisement for new members is to go in paper to help find new committee members.

5. Correspondence

- Registration for 2017 CIB National is \$ 867.75. Motion to pay was made by Dorothy H. and seconded by Glen N. Passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Glen N. and seconded by Bev P. at 8:00 pm.
- The next meeting will be held in the Verity Room of the Municipal office on January 4, 2016 at 6:30 pm

Chair, Cathy Seip

Recording Secretary, Dave Atthill