

**AMHERST COUNTY
ROUTE 29 BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2017
MINUTES**

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A public meeting for the Route 29 Business Beautification Committee was held on Wednesday, June 5, 2017, in the County Administration Meeting Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beverly Jones, Chairman
Calvin Kennon, Vice Chairman
Lori Saunders
Teresa Brooks-Dudley
CT Wingfield
Benita Unrue
Jeremy Bryant

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lesley McPhatter
Dottie Rucker

STAFF PRESENT: Austin Mitchell, Assistant Zoning Administrator/Planner

STAFF ABSENT: Stacey Stinnett, Administrative Assistant

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Citizens Comments
4. Tree Planting – Location and Species Discussion
5. Old/New Business
6. Approval of Minutes for April 26, 2017
7. Adjournment

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Action:

Motion: Kennon Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

Second: Unrue

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were none.

4. TREE PLANTING & SPECIES DISCUSSION

General discussion took place regarding the Route 29 Business corridor. The committee discussed the removal of a large tree beside the Amherst County welcome sign located at the first off ramp onto Route 210. The committee also discussed whether or not VDOT administers a wildflower planting program.

The committee discussed locations to plant street trees. The committee decided that staff should create a street tree map for the following locations:

- 1) Ramp near McDonalds
- 2) Area in front of Lowes shopping center
- 3) Area in front of the Madison Heights fire sub-station

Chair Jones explained that she would contact a representative from Madison Heights Elementary School regarding the improvement and beautification of their sign.

Austin Mitchell arrived at 4:25 pm.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kennon asked staff if they had been in contact with the Bank of the James representative. He explained that the Bank of the James has shown interest in corridor improvement.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 26, 2017

These minutes will be reviewed at the June meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:59.

Action:

Motion: Saunders

Motion to adjourn.

Second: Kennon

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

/jb/6.5.17


Chairman