

**AMHERST COUNTY
ROUTE 29 BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017
MINUTES**

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A public meeting for the Route 29 Business Beautification Committee was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, in the County Administration Conference Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lesley McPhatter
CT Wingfield

STAFF PRESENT: Stacey Stinnett, Administrative Assistant
Austin Mitchell, Assistant Zoning Administrator/Planner

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Citizens Comments
4. Discussion of Ranking/Action List
5. Old/New Business
6. Approval of Minutes for January 25, 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: Brooks-Dudley

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were none.

4. DISCUSSION

Mr. Bryant reviewed the final prioritized list with committee and staff's action plans. Staff made suggestions to the list and Mr. Bryant gave the committee updates.

Mrs. Saunders updated the committee on local grants that she had looked into, such as "Keep Virginia Beautiful," "30 Grants 30 Days," "Walmart Community Grant," "Lowes," and "AEP."

Mrs. Unrue arrived at 4: 15 pm.

New Actions discussed:

1. Staff to create a Power Point to submit to the Planning Commission, EDA, and Board of Supervisors prior to notifying local business owners for the Meet and Greet.
2. Look into culinary arts program at the ACHS in possibly catering snacks and/or lunch.
3. Take before and after pictures of new projects to show – example Little Ceasars/Sprint Project.
4. Removal of trailer near Elecom and Dawson Aluminum.
5. Notify Building Department regarding abandoned house located across from Dairy Queen.
6. Find out what trees can be planted in VDOT right-of-way.
7. Tree near Amherst County Sign.
8. Possible landscaping to Seminole Food Lion Sign.

Mr. Bryant stated that staff would revise the list according to changes and present at the next meeting on March 22, 2017.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 25, 2017

Action:

Motion: Brooks-Dudley Motion to approve the Minutes for the January 25, 2017 meeting.

Second: Saunders

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote. (Jones abstained)

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.


Action:

Motion: Kennon Motion to adjourn.

Second: Saunders

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

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Chairman

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