

**AMHERST COUNTY  
ROUTE 29 BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018  
MINUTES**

**VIRGINIA**

A public meeting for the Route 29 Business Beautification Committee was held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 in the County Administration Meeting Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Beverly Jones, Chairman  
Stacey Stinnett, Administrative Assistant

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dylan Bishop, Assistant Zoning Administrator/Planner

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes for April 25, 2018
4. Citizens Comments
5. Power Point Presentation Presented by Staff
6. Update on Exxon Pole Sign & Permission from Lynchburg on Banners and Relocating Sign on Bridge
7. Old / New Business
8. Adjournment

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Kennon called to order at 4:02 PM.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**Action:**

**Motion:** Brooks-Dudley

Motion to approve the Route 29 Business  
Beautification Corridor Agenda for May 23, 2018.

**Second:** Wingfield

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 25, 2018**

The April 25, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**Action:**

**Motion:** Brooks-Dudley

Motion to approve the Route 29 Business  
Beautification Corridor Minutes for February 25,  
2018.

**Second:** Wingfield

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

**4. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Mr. Ronnie Adams, President of the Madison Heights Baseball Association was present. He indicated that he is concerned for the growth of businesses because of the poor aesthetics of the Route 29 Business Corridor. He expressed that he is seeing some improvement, but it is not happening fast enough.

Mr. Bryant thanked Mr. Adams, and informed him of some of the initiatives the Committee has been pursuing. These include a request to VDOT to plant grass in the curbs, tree plantings and banners, and the use of inmate labor for maintenance.

Mr. Kennon also informed Mr. Adams that the Board of Supervisors has allocated \$25,000 towards those tree plantings and banners.

## **5. POWER POINT PRESENTATION PRESENTED BY STAFF**

The Committee reviewed the PowerPoint presentation, and Mr. Bryant indicated that he needed approval from the Committee to move forward on permitting with VDOT and AEP for the proposed banners and trees.

### **Action:**

**Motion:** Wingfield

Motion to approve the proposed banner and tree locations to move forward to the next steps.

**Second:** Brooks-Dudley

**The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

## **6. UPDATE ON EXXON POLE SIGN & PERMISSION FROM LYNCHBURG ON BANNERS AND RELOCATING SIGN ON BRIDGE**

The Committee asked for an update on the removal of the old Exxon sign. Mrs. Saunders stated that she has spoken to Stewart Johnson from CSE, and he indicated that he would be able to remove the sign at some point this summer, when time and resources became more available.

Mr. Bryant stated that he has received no response from Lynchburg regarding the bridge.

## **7. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kennon suggested that the Committee draft a mock request for proposal for the procurement phase, to review prior to posting. He again thanked Mr. Adams for taking the time to come speak about his concerns.

Mr. Bryant suggested using Mr. Adams as a resource to the Committee to advocate and reach out to owners along the Corridor, to which he agreed.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.

### **Action:**

**Motion:** Wingfield

Motion to adjourn.

**Second:** Brooks-Dudley

**The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

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Chairman

