

Smithfield 2020 Notes from project team meeting of June 6, 2012

Present:

Bill Davidson
Lee Duncan
Sheila Gwaltney
Trey Gwaltney

Mark Hall
Randy Pack
Russell Parrish
Lisa Perry

Connie Rhodes
Judy Winslow
Peter Stephenson
John Edwards

Admin / updates

Bill questioned whether Randy Pack would have a conflict of interest while serving on 2020 after being elected to the Smithfield Town Council. Randy said he would email Town Council members and the Town Attorney for advice and comments.

The matching grant application from the Chamber of Commerce property re: Improvements to existing kiosk, pergola and landscaping was discussed and approval was voted on. The project was approved and will be submitted for payment of \$2500 when work is completed and bills are submitted.

The matching grant application from Donna Lowery DBA "Olive's" was discussed and denied. The amount requested was \$546.99. Members felt that this work was done without prior approval since the application was submitted after all work was done.

Members indicated that 2020 should review the Matching Grant process. Lisa Perry and Connie Rhodes were selected to review and make suggestions at the next 2020 meeting.

Project updates

Judy Winslow reported that Knox Auto has completed clear coat finish of all porcine statues and they are being mounted to bases with plaques attached which will give credit to the artist and explain each pig's theme.

Judy Winslow said that the parade scheduled for June 29th has been cancelled since work will not be complete on South Church Street. The paving and sidewalks will be complete but utility work will continue by Dominion, Verizon and Charter Cable. A completion date is unknown at this time. All other re-opening activities will continue at the IOW Museum.

John Edwards questioned why the contractor changed the brick pattern from Main Street around the corner onto South Church. Peter Stephenson said he would look into it.

Russell Parrish gave an update on Smithfield in Bloom. Judges have been notified in advance of work in progress in several areas of the town. Mark Hall said he would contact Christ Episcopal about landscaping at the church. Mark also said he would talk to the Church of Christ pastor about landscaping and general clean-up of the property.

Mark Hall reported that the 1939 Firehouse will be open for tours on June 29th. There are no tenants yet. Mark also indicated that Town Attorney Bill Riddick has sent a letter to the owner of the old shoe shop at 17 Main Street indicating the town was concerned about the neglect of the property. Lee Duncan said he hoped to have a real floor in the Elks building by June 29th.

New initiatives

Connie Rhodes said that the IOW Economic Development group will meet with Peter Stephenson on a regular basis.

Judy Winslow reported that the Little Grocery will has been painted and banners were being done and would be mounted in time for America in Bloom judging. 2020 fronted a check for \$1000 to be repaid by the Smithfield Women's Club.

Judy Winslow is compiling a data base of perspective contacts for new downtown business. She asked that any names, types of business, etc. be forwarded to her.

John Edwards has written a letter to the town re: Haydens Lane properties. I will include a copy of that letter for review.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 11, 2012 @8:30 am, Arts Center @ 319 classroom.

These meeting notes submitted by Bill Davidson.