

KEEP LAKE BEAUTIFUL MEETING

May 24, 2016

The Keep Lake Beautiful Committee met on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioner's Meeting Room, Lake County Administration Building, Tavares, Florida. Chairman, Darla Scoles and Vice Chairman Brent McCallister were present. The Municipal Representative in attendance was Dina Sweatt. The School Board Member in attendance was Marc Dodd. The Commissioner Liaison in attendance was Leslie Campione. The Citizen Representatives in attendance were Lavon Silvernell. The Civic Organization Member in attendance was Melissa Simmes. The Staff Representatives in attendance were Brian Sheahan, Director of Community Safety and Compliance; Jamie Davis, Public Hearing Coordinator.

PLEDGE

Chairman Darla Scoles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Darla Scoles asked the committee to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously.

COMPLETED PROJECTS UPDATE

Brian Sheahan provided the committee with an update on the planting project that took place at Groveland Elementary and stated that they had 30 volunteers participate. Brian Sheahan stated that Niagara Bottling has stated they are interested in doing another event but that the event must take place in Groveland. Darla Scoles suggested to the committee about having a sign created to place at the school stating that the planting was done by Keep Lake Beautiful.

Brian Sheahan provided the committee with an update on the painting project that took place at Clermont Elementary and stated that they had 12 volunteers participate and was able to paint two portables.

Brian Sheahan provided the committee with an update on the litter pick up that took place on SR 44 and stated that committee member Melissa Simmes lead the event which had 18 volunteers who were able to collect 246lbs of litter in 41 bags.

Brian Sheahan provided the committee with an update on the litter pick up that took place in Umatilla and stated that they had 23 volunteers and was an extremely successful event and that they were able to fill 3 dumpsters.

PROPOSED/UPCOMING PROJECTS

Timothy Sallin from Cherry Lake Tree Farm was present at the meeting and presented a video to the committee which provided additional information regarding the mission of Cherry Lake Tree Farm and the upcoming project 1,000 Trees for 1,000 Years which will take place on Saturday, June 25th. Brian Sheahan stated he has reached out to Boy Scouts and Key Clubs to see

if they are interested in volunteering at event. Brian Sheahan stated that there will be a press release sent out regarding the event.

Brian Sheahan provided information regarding the upcoming clean up that will take place in Sorrento on September 24, 2016.

Brian Sheahan stated that there have been several requests for clean up's in specific areas. One of the areas is in the Triangle area of Mt. Dora and stated that Mt. Dora and Tavares Chamber of Commerce will be contacted for community involvement and that event may take place in October. Brian Sheahan stated that there was also a request for a cleanup in South Lake County.

UPDATES & DISCUSSION

Elizabeth Bartlett from Keep Florida Beautiful was present at the meeting and provided information to the committee. Elizabeth Bartlett also stated she will be speaking with other counties with Florida regarding their success in working with the schools and education programs.

Brian Sheahan provided the committee with the results from the annual litter index and stated that the same routes were taken this year as last year and that our score was a 10th of a point lower than last year score. Brian Sheahan asked the committee if they would be in agreement with adding areas to the survey for next year and the committee stated that they were in agreement.

Brian Sheahan provided the committee with an update regarding the FDOT/KAB Grant and stated that he was able to purchase more litter grabbers for cleanup events. The Parks Department purchased water fountains for the South Lake Parks. The water fountain is to allow people to refill their water bottles as opposed to discarding them in the trash. Brian Sheahan also stated that he purchased banners and will be buying additional materials such as wildflower seed to use up the remaining grant funds.

Brian Sheahan provided the committee with an update to the Railroad Wildflower Planting and stated that he met with the mayor of the City of Tavares to see if they would be interested in participating in the planting. The Mayor will be speaking with other elected officials regarding the beautification project.

Lavon Silvernell stated she is still pursuing the wildflower planting with her own connections as well as with departments within the county. Lavon Silvernell stated that are concerns with the mowing destroying the wildflowers. Commissioner Campione stated she spoke with public works about placing signs near the wildflowers stating Do Not Mow.

Brian Sheahan stated that he is working on getting t-shirts made to wear at events and is contacting sponsors. Brian Sheahan stated that they will need food sponsors for the upcoming events and asked to committee to assist in locating possible food sponsors.

Brian Sheahan stated he has requested from the Board of County Commissioners approval to hire a Coordinator for Keep Lake Beautiful to assist in scheduling and coordinating events. Leslie Campione stated that it was also addressed at the Board of County Commissioners

meeting about having a budget to create a strike team for problem areas to utilize an outside contractor to address problem areas and also maintaining the areas on a regular basis. The committee was supportive of creating a strike team.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Brian Sheahan stated the next meetings will be held on July 19, 2016, September 20, 2016 and November 29, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.


DARLA SCOLES, CHAIRMAN