

SOUTHERN SHORES DOGWOOD TASK FORCE MEETING

May 31, 2016

Pitt Center

- I. **Call to Order** - Michael Fletcher, Chair, called the meeting of the Southern Shores Dogwood Task Force to order at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Task Force members, Maureen McGrath, Tom Craney, Sam Williams, Jim Connors, Shirley Ruff and Keith Lilly. Absent: Richard Bell
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of Agenda** - Agenda for the current meeting was approved.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the May 17, 2016 meeting were approved.
- V. **Announcements**

Jim Connors – At the Town’s CIP Committee meeting last week, there was an Arborist in attendance. Good discussion. Read minutes of that meeting on Town’s website by Rachel Patrick.
- VI. **Old Business**
 1. **Member Update on ongoing research:** Jim brought drawings with 5 scenarios using 220’ of Dogwood by Maureen’s property.
 - Extend pavement 4’ (using Maureen’s property); put a retaining wall.
 - Extend pavement 6’ with grass area by road, 5’ wide walkway;
 - 3’ tall retaining wall, wind walkway around trees;
 - At Beechtree Trail, walk will weave around trees; ROW is 100’, so he pulled the walk 12’ off Dogwood. Crosswalk on Beechtree. Bus shelter with bike racks for kids.
 - At Dogwood & Route 12, went to Dare GIS website – concept to show from top of hill down to intersection, make the walk wider than 5’ and make the walk on both sides of Dogwood. At the light, there’s not sufficient pedestrian refuge area. Cross from west to east and access the walk way on east side towards Duck. Town moving forward to alleviating the water ponding on Route 12; this would be good opportunity to have Town do a larger pedestrian refuge area. Shirley – would like a barrier for crosswalk bigger than a curb. Trail should go down Dogwood to Ocean Blvd.
Other comments: Get town to put in replacement native vegetation when trees are removed; Suggested signage “share the roads”, etc., label these drawings as options for the upcoming workshop in June.
 2. **Survey Summary Slide wording change & finalization**
 - Changes made by various emails were summarized and discussed
 - What adjectives do we want to use to quantify results.
 - Do we want to include comments? New issue was identified was flooding on East Dogwood & Route 12.
 - In the summary, we should put that this is our assessment of the survey data. Data will be shown in the slides.
 - Shirley would like to see % in addition to the numbers.
 - Put the following issues in this order:

1. Clear support for addition of a walking path is clearly indicated
2. Volume of seasonal traffic on Dogwoods is unacceptable
3. Safe to drive
4. Unsafe to bike or walk
5. Support for improvements in road conditions
6. Responses with no clear consensus often showed a deeply divided population

3. Survey slides final edit discussion

- Bar charts discussion
- Add in bullet for the “Dogwood Solutions Public Workshop” on June 21st.
- Town Council meeting is June 7th for presentation
- How do we advertise the workshop? Put on Facebook page; put signs on the roads. Shirley volunteered to make the signs.
- Changes to the bar charts consensus ok

VII. New Business:

1. **Chairman’s verbal narration accompanying survey;** How do we want to handle the presentation? This is being presented to Council only – thank Council, staff and public for their support & responses prior to the presentation. Send a preliminary copy to Town & Council prior to the presentation. Mike will put together a final draft and email out to group.
2. **Solutions workshop organization & design:** June 21st
Summary – define the problem. Use structured brainstorming. Briefings on who we are; talk about the survey; give known options/bounding the issues. 6-8 people per task force member. Mike will email guidelines for structured group brainstorming. Trying to come up with solutions for:
 - Walking path solutions
 - Traffic volume
 - Improvements on road conditions
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VII. **Public Comment** No public remained for this portion of the meeting – no comments

VIII. Adjourn

Next meeting will be June 21st, 6 p.m. at the Pitts Center which will be the Public Solutions Workshop on Issues.
