

BRAAC Meeting Minutes
March 5th, 2015

BRAAC Members Present: Bo Henderson, Melissa Picket, Curt Andrews, Deborah McDowell

BRAAC Members Absent: Myra Scoggins, Anne Barnes, Barbra Wright

Staff Members: Scott Fogleman, Jennifer Brown, Chris Pate and Erin Kegley.

The meeting was called to order by Bo at 5:30 p.m.

Approve November Minutes – Melissa made a motion to approve the minutes, Curt seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Budget Update/Annual Fundraising Collection –Jennifer reported that BRAAC has spent \$8,957.02 and still has \$15,392.98. The unencumbered balance does not include the purchase of the flowers for the Town. Melissa asked if the \$5,000 pledge was in the expenditures for BRAAC yet. Jennifer responded that the pledge has not yet been put into expenditures. Jennifer reported that BRAAC has received \$25,230.00 in total revenue. BRAAC has received 23,080.00 in general donations. Jennifer also stated that BRAAC has only received \$100.00 in Hanging Basket Donations, but this will change in April and May. Curt asked what the expected surplus for this fiscal year. Scott mentioned that we will know that better next month, but whatever is not spent from this fiscal year will roll over through fund balance and be available in the next fiscal year budget. Curt asked about those who give a higher donation with the hanging baskets. Will we have plaques for those donors and/or memorials? Jennifer stated that this has been suggested many times, but some baskets unfortunately do not do well, and we prefer not to have a name on a basket that has failed. Deborah suggested if BRAAC were to create a memorial dedication list and place them in the kiosks around Town. Scott mentioned that we can come up with some ideas, and address next meeting. Bo asked what the rough estimate of each hanging basket is. Chris mentioned that it is roughly \$35 per basket. Bo asked if it would be unreasonable to charge \$100 for the baskets. Deborah stated that she feels that BRAAC would have more responses if the baskets were \$50 instead of \$100. Jennifer stated that we started at \$50 because of the expensive overhead. Bo asked when the baskets are going to be put up. Jennifer stated that they will be up the week of planting week in May.

Legacy Garden Property Owners Update – Jennifer stated that 4 of the 10 owners have responded and were very happy about the continuation of the Legacy Garden clean-up, and one property owner asked if they could help for the next clean-up. The deadline for owners to respond has passed and we are assuming that they approve of the clean-up. Scott mentioned that with 40 percent responding positively, we are confident about continuing the clean-up of Legacy Gardens.

Clean-up Day- Bo asked if we would like to have food this year for clean-up day. Melissa stated that we should have food, and everyone agreed. Melissa also mentioned that Chamber will be cleaning up the Hwy. 221 section in Town on the Thursday before clean up day. Jennifer mentioned making clean-up day be a whole week for businesses and organizations. Everything else that is left, we can do on the actual clean-up day. Melissa stated that she will talk to Chetola about hotdogs and hamburgers and Woodlands for coleslaw and beans. Jennifer mentioned she would contact Triangle Vending for chips, condiments, and buns. Bo stated he would take care of drinks. Jennifer suggested that everyone meet at the Recreation Center for the clean-up day because of the American Legion remodel. If it is a beautiful day lunch can be outside at the picnic area. If it is a rainy day, everything will be in the Recreation Center. Jennifer also stated that we will contact DOT for clean up supplies(bags, vests, gloves etc).

Dogipots (Pricing)- Jennifer stated that each Dogipot is \$250, and the replacement bags Parks and Recreation purchases by the case. Deborah asked how often we clean them. Chris stated that they are cleaned once a week in the summer time. Bo asked how long it would take to get them in if BRAAC wanted more. Jennifer stated once we get the money she can order them and it only takes a couple of weeks to come in. Bo stated to go ahead and order the Dogipots, and send me the bill. Melissa asked if we could move the Dogipots so we can avoid the Kilwins problem. Curt mentioned adding more

trashcans. Bo asked where we wanted the Dogipots in Town. Jennifer stated that if we add more Dogipots, then there would be more maintenance for Parks and Recreation staff.

Miscellaneous- Jennifer stated that BRAAC needs to vote for a Vice Chair. Melissa nominated Curt, Deborah seconded, and it was a unanimous vote. Jennifer has stated that the Garden Club has yet to reconvene and talk about the sign for Gossip Park. Bo stated that he has had great responses back from businesses about the flower towers, and are very interested in purchasing the towers. Due to the high interest in the flower towers for the Town, the purchase of the towers will not come out of the BRAAC budget. Melissa asked if the towers needed to be presented to Town Council. Scott stated that if the towers will be on the sidewalks, then yes this needs to be presented to Town Council. Anything that is in the public eye needs to be presented to Town Council. Scott also suggested BRAAC may want to discuss its long term goals and vision. Melissa also asked if BRAAC can be a part of the Gazebo plans and be responsible for the landscaping of the new gazebo. Bo stated that the next meeting be earlier to allow time to discuss its long term vision and goals.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held Thursday, April 2nd, 2015 at Town Hall at 5:00 p.m.