

FORT CALHOUN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING May 23, 2016
6:00 PM Fort Calhoun City Hall

The meeting was called to order by Judy Boyd, Chairman. The open meeting policy was announced.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Committee members included Judy Boyd, Rosemary Therkildsen, Cheri Oelke, Lori Lammers, Amanda Schrum, Coleene Robinson and Sue Newman.

Absent: Ginger Appel

Copies of the April 25th minutes had been read online by all. A move to approve was made by Lori and seconded by Coleen.

OLD BUSINESS:

Signs for the mature trees on Main Street:

Sue had proofs of the print for the main street tree signs, shown in either green or black. The cost will be approximately \$50.00.

After a slight change in the wording, a motion was made by Cheri and seconded by Amanda that the signs be ordered with the green print.

Installation of a patio at the Elementary School Historical Marker:

The picture to go on the boulder has been ordered from Blair monument.

An appropriate sized boulder has been found. The rock itself would cost \$100.00 with a delivery cost of \$170.00. It will be ordered after plans proceed with the patio. The project is currently pending approval by school facility board.

City Hall Flag Pole

It was agreed that 2 layers of stones be purchased to surround the flag pole.

Items required for the project to be purchased at Menards. Judy will pre-shop and submit a list to City Hall for the items to be purchased and picked up by city personnel.

We will need the stones for the ring as well as landscape fabric, river rock and the special glue used to secure the stones.

Spring Planting: The pots have been planted and placed on the highway. The cost of the plants for the pots came to around \$25.00 per pot.

The Sverkubbe monument has been edged with scalloped bricks and mulch has been put down in that area. It was determined that the bricks should be extended along the sidewalk.

Mulch still needs to be spread around the mature trees.

This year the watering schedule was divided into pairs sharing the duty and watering only 3 times a week instead of every day. (Except for weeks that are extremely hot, when more water is needed).

The watering schedule was set up as follows:

Tuesday - Lori and Cheri

Thursday – Colleen and Amanda

Sunday – Sue and Rose

Alternate and in between days when needed – Judy

It was determined that we need to have new hoses. Approximately 150' is required. Judy saw some light-weight hoses at Bomgaars that may work for us. A motion was made by Rose and seconded by Amanda that we purchase the new hoses and they will be kept in the wagon by Rose's garage.

Farmers Market: Discussion regarding the Farmer's Market for summer 2016 included the following:

- To move the location from Monroe Street to the front of City Hall and into the adjoining alley, if needed, with one parking space in front of city hall to be marked off in order to increase visibility.
- Increase the amount of signs for the event, ie: a number of wire, campaign type signs, with a budget allowed of \$150.00.
- Hold the event on Thursday evenings, from 4 to 8 pm, to avoid competition with Blair and Omaha.
- Ask the Community Coordinator, Deb Sutherland to become involved.
- Advertise the event on the city water bills.
- Add the event to the Department of Agricultural web site.
- Allow vendors for items other than produce, such as craft items.
- To hold the event from July 7th until September 1st.
- There to be no charge for vendors to participate.

Sue made a motion that we proceed with planning for the Farmer's Market as outlined above. The motion was seconded by Rose and approved by all. Amanda will begin the promotion process.

Heritage Days: Heritage days will be held on October 1st and 2nd, with the Parade on Saturday at 10 am. The Enhancement Committee will participate in the parade. We will use Lori's jeep and hand out candy. We will meet at Lori's at 9am on Saturday and then proceed to the Parade starting point.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Tourism Passport: Sue presented an idea of a "passport" listing several sites in Fort Calhoun, such as the historic markers, the cannons, and area businesses. The idea being that participants would pick up a passport from an area business, or at the Farmers Market, and then visit each of the places listed. At each place they would need to identify a clue to prove they were there. After they complete the passport, they would be entered in a drawing for a prize. Committee members all agreed it sounded like a good idea and perhaps it could be our committee's involvement in Heritage Days by holding the drawing during the Heritage Days celebration. Members were encouraged to think of ideas for the passport and pass them on to Sue.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

A move to adjourn was made by Lori and seconded by Rose. The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, June 27th, 2016, 6:00 pm at City Hall.

Cheri Oelke
FCEC Secretary

