

FORT CALHOUN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING October 24, 2016
6:00 PM Fort Calhoun City Hall

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Ginger Appel and Amanda Schrum.

Minutes of the July meeting:

Copies of the August minutes were posted on line and printed copies were available as well. A move to approve was made by Lori and seconded by Coleen.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trees on Main Street:

The sign for the Sycamore trees has been installed and looks great. Positive remarks about it were overheard at Heritage Days. We will take it down for winter storage and eventually put pvc in the ground for easy installation in the Spring.

Lori reported that an Arborist has looked at the other trees on main street and although the tree in front of the Longhorn shows signs of stress it should be ok.

The tree in front of the apartments that was infested with worms should also be ok. He indicated that even though they were here this year, they may not return, but Lori said she will check with Omaha Tree to see if there is a preventative treatment they would recommend.

Elementary School Historical Marker:

Judy and Sue will resume looking for a stone that would be suitable for the picture of the old school. The maintenance department has said when one is found they will pick it up and deliver it for us.

Heritage Days:

The part the Enhancement Committee played, the Parade set up, went well after a few problems were worked out. Lori thanked the committee members for their help. Other areas of the Heritage Days events were discussed. Planning for next year's event has not yet begun.

City Tourism Passport/Scavenger Hunt

While we did not get a lot of participation, everyone agreed that the idea was a good one and we will do it again next year with an earlier start up.

The entire 4th grade did it as a class project and each class will receive a \$25.00 gift card for treats for the classroom. Two other winners will receive a \$25.00 gift card for the Longhorn and one winner will receive a \$45.00 certificate for Hold Your Horses. These gifts were donated by the Longhorn and Hold Your Horses.

Highway Banners:

Lori will ask maintenance to put up the Fall banners. We need to order new banners for Spring.

Halloween Trunk or Treat

Pop has been donated by FCYSO. Judy will pick up the hot dogs, buns, chips and cocoa. Lori purchased light sticks to hand out as well. Set up will begin Monday afternoon in Market Square Park.

Bike Racks

This project is still pending more information.

New Business:**Christmas Lights at City Hall**

Brite Ideas will once again be putting up lights on Main Street. It was suggested that the Enhancement Committee hire them to decorate the area in front of City Hall as well. This area has been decorated by the Enhancement Committee in the past. Judy will look into the cost involved before any decision will be made.

Flower Pots

Judy will ask the maintenance department to pick up the pots at their earliest convenience and put them by the park shed.

Christmas Light Contest

After some discussion, Lori made a motion that we do not hold the light contest this year. Coleen seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Christmas in Calhoun

The Enhancement Committee plans to give out cookies and cocoa at the Nativity again this year.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

A move to adjourn was made by Coleene and seconded by Lori. The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2016, 6:00 pm at City Hall.

Cheri Oelke
FCEC Secretary