

FORT CALHOUN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING September 20, 2016
6:00 PM Fort Calhoun City Hall

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Lori Lammers. The open meeting policy was announced.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Committee members included Cheri Oelke, Lori Lammers, Coleene Robinson, Sue Newman and Amanda Schrum

Absent: Ginger Appel, Judy Boyd and Rosemary Therkildsen

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 Coleene and seconded by Amanda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Signs for the mature trees on Main Street:

HD Auto Creations reports that the fence piece for the sign is still not done. It required more work than anticipated. Sue told him we would like to have it done in time for Heritage Days and he said he would try to get it completed for us. Sue will check with him tomorrow.

Installation of a patio at the Elementary School Historical Marker:

Amanda reported that now that the benches are on a patio she has noticed that people are now sitting on the benches while waiting to pick up their students. Installation of the historic picture is still pending until we can find a good way to display it.

City Hall Flag Pole

The stones and rock around the flag pole look really good. Chris Nelson will submit his invoice of \$125.00 to City Hall for the installation.

Farmers Market :

The Farmers Market has now ended. The committee agreed that it was a positive event for the community. The vendors and the customers all seemed to appreciate it. It was decided to keep the same time frame for next year. Thursday evenings, from July 4th to Labor Day. However, if there are vendors who still have produce to sell after Labor Day, there would be no objections for them to continue selling for a few more weeks.

Heritage Days: The parade is scheduled for 10 am on October 1st.

The Enhancement Committee will meet at the High School that morning at 8:30 am to begin the parade organization. Lori handed out our Heritage Days T-Shirts as well as a lay-out of the parade route. Amanda provided some good tips on how to line up and stage the participants. Sue volunteered to spruce up the pots on main street and add some decorations.

City Tourism Passport/Scavenger Hunt

The "Heritage Hunt" entry forms have been completed and are located at various locations in town and were given to the 4th grade teacher for a class project.

The winners will be announced after the parade on Saturday. The Longhorn has donated two \$25.00 gift certificates and Hold Your Horses has donated a \$45.00 gift certificate which will be used as prizes. In addition we will get two \$25.00 Visa cards to be awarded as well.

Highway Banners:

At this time, we need to have the banners changed to the Fall Banners in time for Heritage Days. The purchase of new banners will be decided at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Halloween Trunk or Treat

Amanda said that even though she is no longer active in the Youth Sports Program she would still check to see if they have supplies from the Ball Park concession left from the end of the season to donate.

Lori will make up flyers to advertise the event.

Sue will contact the Presbyterian Church to see if they are interested in joining.

Bike Racks

Options are still being explored. All the businesses will need to be contacted to determine their interest in the project, as well as the Park Board to see if they would want bike racks in the parks. Bike racks would be a good addition to the town since the ride to and through Fort Calhoun is a popular bicycle route for organized rides as well as for individual riders. It was suggested that grant money may be available for this project.

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, October 24, 2016, 6:00 pm at City Hall. This meeting is one week earlier than usual due to Halloween falling on the last Monday of the Month.

Cheri Oelke
FCEC Secretary