

FORT CALHOUN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING February 29, 2016
6:00 P.M. 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, Sue Newman, Amanda Schrum and Coleene Robinson.

Absent: Ginger Appel

The minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting were posted on line. A move to approve was made by Sue and seconded by Amanda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Signs for the mature trees on Main Street:

Sue contacted the Arbor Foundation as a possible source for markers for our mature trees. They were not able to help with trees, but did offer suggestions as to ways to celebrate the 100+ years of our trees, such as an Arbor Day Celebration on April 29th.

(Website: NationalArborDayFoundation.org 1-888-448-7337).

Lori advised that she was also unable to find a source for tree signs.

Sue will look into getting a sign from the Blair Sign Company that would incorporate a photo she has that shows the young trees 100 years ago.

Installation of a “patio” at the Elementary School Historical Marker:

This project is tabled until Spring. At that time the area will be measured and the pricing and approval process will begin.

Winter care of trees: Judy read the letter that was sent to the business owners on Main Street asking for them to be mindful of the trees when removing snow and asking for their help in caring for the trees.

Lori shared a picture of one of the trees that has been vandalized for the third time.

A motion was made by Sue and seconded by Amanda that this incident be reported to the Washington County Sheriff. Lori will trim up the damaged branch after the report is filed.

Lori also advised that Omaha Tree will come out this Spring to fertilize the trees and at that time they will advise if any others have winter damage.

City Hall Flag Pole: Cheri brought in pictures of two cement configurations that are sold as fire pits at Menards that may work at the base of the Flag Pole. Measurements and material samples will be submitted at the next meeting.

Invitation to Deb Southerland: Invitation has been issued, but she is currently out of town.

Great American Clean Up for April: Amanda reported that the Presbyterian Church would like to participate with us in a town clean up. Amanda will talk to them regarding the best date and then we will plan accordingly. Once a date is determined we will get flyers and trash bags.

Spring Planting: It was agreed that when we do our Spring Planting, we should also plant a barrel for entry at the Washington County Fair. Entry forms with details will be available online in April.

Other options for plants in addition to the Washington County Growers were discussed, including the possibility of having a nursery help us with pot design. Amanda volunteered to look into this option.

Farmers Market: Amanda will send out a survey to possible vendors to determine interest. She will submit a draft of the survey for approval before sending it out.

Additional Goals for 2016: There are a number of upcoming events that may involve the Enhancement Committee. However no decisions regarding our participation were made at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Watermelons from the Community Garden: The Community Garden donated watermelon to the Enhancement Committee to give out at Heritage Days last Fall. Amanda made a motion that we donate \$30.00 to them to help them with this year's garden. The motion was seconded by Lori and approved by all. Judy will ask Linda to send them a check.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

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

Cheri Oelke
FCEC Secretary