

## Fort Calhoun Enhancement Committee Meeting

August 31, 2015

City Hall, Fort Calhoun NE 68023

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Judy Boyd, Chairman, at 6:05pm.

### **Announce Open Meeting Compliance**

Open Meeting policy was announced.

### **Roll Call**

Present: Judy Boyd, Lori Lammers, Sue Newman, Amanda Schrum, Rose Therildsen

Absent: Ginger Appel, Cheri Oelke

### **Minutes from July 27, 2015 Meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting had been read by all present. Amanda made a motion to approve the minutes; Sue seconded. Minutes approved.

### **Old Business**

#### **Farmers Market**

- Amanda will send out a survey to current and potential market members regarding next year's season
- Charge a fee to secure attendees
- Start the Farmers Market after July 4<sup>th</sup>

#### **Installation of a "patio" at the elementary school historical marker**

- Sue reported that Don Johnson, FCHS principal, gave the Enhancement Committee permission to put in a patio at the marker
- Measure area, get a design and bids
- Include the area as part of our fall clean-up

#### **Engraved bricks around the City Hall flagpole**

- Members will look for ideas on Google, etc. and report at next meeting.

#### **Participation in Washington County Heritage Festival, Sept. 5, 2015**

- Friday, Sept. 4, at 1:00 pm decorate Lori's Jeep with the "Bloom Where You Are Planted" flag, crepe paper and flowers
- Saturday meet at 7:00 am at Market Square Park to set up; 8am breakfast; 9-11am parade; 11am -1pm give out watermelon.

- Fort Calhoun Community Garden has offered to donate watermelons for the Heritage Festival
- Amanda will see if the watermelons are ripe

### **New Business**

#### **Winter Care of New Trees**

- Notice or letter needs to go to businesses/snow removal personnel to make them aware that these small trees can be damaged or killed by improper snow removal
- Small trees can be damaged/killed because of snow piled up around the trunk over the winter
- One tree in particular had bark damage and may not recover
- Bricks and mulch/soil was dislodged around some trees last winter resulting in needed repairs
- Note: Snow was not piled in heaps on the sidewalk before the trees were planted
- Purchase (snow) markers for trees/mulch areas
- Schedule fall fertilizing from Omaha Tree

#### **Hot Dogs at Halloween**

- Give out hot dogs and hot cocoa in the park at Halloween
- Invite the Presbyterian Church to join the Trunk-or-Treat event in the park

#### **Christmas in Calhoun**

- FCEC will give out cocoa and cookies during the Live Nativity at 4-5pm

#### **Hoses and hose reel**

- In an effort to make watering easier we are looking into lightweight hose and hose reel options and quick connects.
- We currently use the hose connection at City Hall on the west side of the street.
- Chad Lebo (Cure) and Jeanne Knight (Longhorn) have offered their water connections for the east side.

Discussions also brought to light the fact that the committee members feel that our efforts to enhance the community are undermined by some the following issues:

- The weeds along Hwy 75 on the west side of the road, just south of town.
- Poor upkeep of the main street buildings by tenants or owners, i.e., weeds in parking lots and alleyways, broken windows, chipped paint, and trash around the buildings.
- The Enhancement Committee would appreciate suggestions or help from the City Council regarding these issues.

### **Adjourn**

Rose made the motion to adjourn; Amanda seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting will be Monday, September 28 at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

Lori Lammers

Fort Calhoun Enhancement Committee