

FORT CALHOUN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING June 29, 2015
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 and Sue Newman

Also present: Guest Pam Daly

Absent: Ginger Appel and Amanda Schrum

Also absent: Bobbie Jo Doyle who submitted her resignation from the Enhancement Committee prior to tonight's meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary, Cheri Oelke. Move to approve by Lori and seconded by Rose.

OLD BUSINESS:

Farmers Market: Pam Daly came to the meeting to offer her ideas and suggestions for the Farmers Market. She has talked to some of the vendors and was told by Sarah and David from "Sticks and Stones" bakery that they were contacted too late in order to participate this year. She stressed the importance of good signage and offered to make a contribution toward a sign and banners. She is going to be talking to a sign maker and will get pricing information. She also suggested that we have a vendor with baked goods and provide tables with umbrellas where people could sit and eat. She offered to donate money for umbrellas. She suggested we contact Melanie Petersen and Gene McKenna for baked goods. Before leaving Pam provided her email address if we wish to contact her regarding the sign or banners, pdaly@abbnebraska.com

Discussion of the Farmers Market continued after Pam left the meeting and the following motion was presented: The Enhancement Committee will continue to support the Farmers Market even though attendance by customers and vendors has been poor up to now. The next market date is scheduled for July 11th. We will improve the signage and add other eye catching features, such as streamers and umbrellas, and the committee members will set up a table with baked goods and coffee with a seating area. The price will be \$1.50 for coffee and a baked good, or \$1.00 for coffee or one baked good only. All proceeds to go to the Fort Calhoun Enhancement Committee.

Items will be supplied as follows:

Cheri will bring a 6' table for the coffee and baked goods, two card tables and several plastic chairs for a seating area.

Judy will bring tablecloths, coffee and coffee pot, plates, cups and napkins.

Sue will bring a boombox for music and a black and red umbrella.

All members will bring an assortment of rolls and muffins.

The motion to approve this plan was made by Rose and seconded by Sue. All were in favor.

This year's Farmers Market was aimed at food vendors only. It was determined that in the future the market should be open to non-food vendors as well, such as Avon, jewelry and craft items. A motion was made by Cheri and seconded by Lori to open the market to non-food vendors. All were in favor.

Arborist Signs: The signs have arrived and everyone approved of how they look. They will be installed in front of the trees with the signs facing the sidewalk. Total cost was \$101.25.

Special Event Flags: Judy and Sue have been unable to find a frame for a large flag. They will look into having a stand custom made.

Bricks: The bricks have been purchased at a cost of \$75.90 and are currently staged next to the trees. Monday July 6th at 8:00 am has been set as an installation date, weather permitting. It was also brought up that the bricks around the other trees have settled and need to be raised up to hold the mulch. So, any work not completed on Monday morning may be done the next morning, Tuesday, July 7th.

Lori will notify the absent committee members of these work dates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Patio at the Elementary School Historical Marker: Sue presented the pictures and plans of the original proposal made to the Pioneer Foundation for a fund raiser with engraved bricks. However, they have not expressed any interest in going forward with this project, so a motion was made by Rose and seconded by Lori that the Enhancement Committee take over the project with a stamped and tinted concrete patio, instead of bricks, for completion by next Spring. Plans will be submitted to the City Council and School Board. All were in favor.

Commemorative bricks around the City Hall flagpole: A motion was made by Sue to install paving bricks from Watkins around the City Hall flagpole, to be arranged in approximately a 4 ft square with the bricks to be engraved as follows:

In back of the pole: *Fort Calhoun, NE*
Established 1855

In front of the pole: *Fort Atkinson, NE*
1819 to 1827

Sue will get an estimate for the bricks and the cost of installation. The motion was seconded by Rose. All were in favor.

Extension of Street Scape to North End of Town. The appearance of the North end of town has improved with the addition of Scooters and their landscaping. Lori has volunteered to talk to the other building owners in that area to offer suggestions and help from the Enhancement committee if they are interested in improving their curb appeal.

Participation in Washington County Heritage Festival: We may offer free watermelon at this event as we have done in the past at Tractors Tall and Small. No decision was made at this time.

Thank you to Dale Everswick: A thank card for Dale Everswick was signed by all present to thank him for choosing the Enhancement Committee for the \$251.00 donated by Cargill for his volunteer work on community projects.

Public Comments: There were no public comments other than those by Pam Daly which are reported under the Farmers Market portion of these minutes.

A move to adjourn was made by Lori and seconded by Rose. The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, July 27th, 2015, 6:00 pm at City Hall.

Cheri Oelke
FCEC Secretary