

FORT CALHOUN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING September 28, 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

Absent: Ginger Appel and Amanda Schrum

No guests were present.

Minutes of the last meeting had been read on-line by all present. Move to approve the minutes as posted by Cheri and seconded by Lori.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Thank you to the Blair Area Community Foundation:** Thank you letters have been sent out to the Cargill employees for their donations to the Enhancement Committee through the Cargill Shares program. All present expressed gratitude for this program.

**Installation of a "patio" at the Elementary School historical marker:** Sue is currently waiting for a cost estimate for this project. She showed pictures of a patio that is currently in progress at another location that is similar to what is proposed at the historical marker.

**Bricks around the City Hall Flagpole:** Lori had some pictures of possible layouts and Amanda has advised that she has done some research as well. This will be discussed in further detail at a later meeting after the soldier silhouette has been installed on the flagpole.

**Streetscape**

**Fall Clean-up:** This Thursday at 9:00 am was scheduled to start the fall clean up.

Projects to include clean up at the Historical Marker, digging out the ornamental grass in the cut outs on main street and move them to the historical marker, remove and reinstall the bricks around the cut-outs, remove and reinstall the bricks around the historical marker and remove the rotted timbers in front of the Nelson Insurance Company and clean out some of the weeds and debris there and on the other side of the street (by the horse). We had been asked by the business owners for help on that end of town and it was determined that we would do what we could to improve the area without committing to a high maintenance project. ie: no pots or plants that require regular watering.

**Purchase of a hose reel and lighter weight hose:** Cheri made a motion that we go forward with purchasing light weight hoses now while they may be found at a lower price. This was seconded by Rose and Lori volunteered to get them.

**Winter care of trees:** Lori reported that the trees were fertilized today at a cost of \$59.00. The Enhancement Committee will ask the City Council to send letters to the business owners making them aware that these small trees can be damaged or killed by improper snow removal. One tree had bark damage and may not recover. Bricks and mulch and soil was dislodged around some trees last winter resulting in needed repairs. Judy Boyd will provide pictures of the damage to the City Council.

The Enhancement Committee will put markers around the trees before winter to help the business owners determine where the bricks are located when they are snow covered. Judy will bring in some sample flags at the next meeting.

**Halloween and hot dogs in the park:** Lori will make up flyers and signs for this event. Amanda is working on getting the hot dogs and buns donated. More details will be discussed at the October meeting.

**Christmas in Calhoun:**

**Lighting Contest:** We will hold the lights contest as in previous years. With prizes to be the same as last year: \$100.00 for first, \$75.00 for second and \$50.00 for third. We will put out a flyer and we will ask that an announcement also be sent with the water bills. Judging will be done on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. This year we would like to get some other people involved in the judging. Members of the Enhancement Committee were encouraged to ask for volunteers to join us.

**Decorating:** We will put up the decorations in front of City Hall and in the Park as we have done in the past. However, since additional lighting is going to be installed on main street by the city, we may be able to cut back on the amount of decorations in front of City Hall. That will be determined at the time the decorations are put up.

**New Business:**

**Strategic Plan and Fort Calhoun Enhancement Committee:** It is unclear at this time what the role of the Enhancement Committee will be in the Strategic Plan. No action to be taken at this time.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

A move to adjourn was made by Rose and seconded by Lori. The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6:00 pm at City Hall.

Cheri Oelke  
FCEC Secretary