

FORT CALHOUN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
January 30, 2017  
6:00 PM Fort Calhoun City Hall

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Judy Boyd. The open meeting policy was announced.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Judy Boyd, Cheri Oelke, Lori Lammers, Rosemary Therkildsen, Sue Newman and Amanda Schrum. Guest Visitor: Cindy Gochanour.

Absent: Coleene Robinson

**Minutes of the November meeting:**

Copies of the November minutes were posted on line and printed copies were available as well. A move to approve was made by Lori and seconded by Rose.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Elementary School Historical Marker:**

There was discussion on ways to mount the marker. Options include mounting the sign on a rock, if that is to be done the committee will need to know how much weight is allowable on the concrete patio. The other option is a metal sign holder similar to the one recently installed at the High School. Sue will find out where the school purchased theirs.

**Highway Banners:**

A total of 8 banners are required for each season. Winter and Fall banners are still ok, but the Spring and Patriotic banners need to be replaced.

A Spring banner design was agreed on from the brochure supplied by Lori.

A move was made by Sue and seconded by Amanda for Lori to place an order for 8 Spring Banners at a cost of no more than \$50.00 per banner. Motion was approved by all.

**Bike Racks**

This project is tabled until Spring.

**Christmas in Calhoun**

Lori reported that the Christmas in Calhoun was once again a success.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2017 Election of Officers:**

The nominations for the 2017 Enhancement Committee officers were presented as follows:

Chairman: Judy Boyd

Vice Chairman: Amanda Schrum (to replace Lori Lammers who is now our City Council representative.)

Secretary: Cheri Oelke

A move was made by Rose to accept this slate of nominations. The move was seconded by Sue and all were in favor.

**List of Committee Accomplishments in 2016:**

- Purchased, planted and maintained flowers and plantings in pots and in the concrete cut-outs along Hwy 75.
- Held a "Spring Clean Up" prior to planting on Main Street including cleaning up leaves, cutting back foliage, picking up debris and reinstalling bricks around the cut-outs.
- Maintained and added to the brick borders around the sidewalk cut-outs on Main Street and by the Suverkubbe historical Marker.
- Sponsored the second annual Farmer's Market throughout the summer.
- Had a concrete patio installed at the location of the old Elementary School, providing an attractive area for the concrete benches and the Historical Marker.
- Designed and purchased a sign explaining the history of the sycamore trees on Main Street and had it attached to a piece of decorative fencing and installed between two of those trees.
- Had a rock border and river rock installed around the flag pole in front of City Hall.
- Developed a "Fort Calhoun Scavenger Hunt" that was distributed at various locations around town. (The entire 4<sup>th</sup> grade participated as a class project). Prizes were awarded to participants at the Heritage Days event.
- Assisted in organizing the participants in the Heritage Days parade.
- Gave out pop, hot dogs and chips on Halloween at Trunk or Treat in Market Square Park.
- Put up, and took down, Christmas decorations in front of City Hall.
- Passed out cookies and cocoa during the live nativity at Christmas in Calhoun.

**Committee Goals for 2017**

- Obtaining a large rock or a metal stand to display a picture of the old elementary school and have it installed at the new patio by the Heritage marker.
- Spring cleanup of Main Street to coincide with April's Great American Clean Up Day.
- Plant and maintain the flower pots and cut outs on Main Street.
- Have a Farmer's Market again this summer.
- Give out Hot Dogs, Pop and Chips at Halloween's Trunk or Treat.
- Decorate in Front of City Hall for Christmas.
- Replace some of the Main Street light pole banners.
- Work with the Park Committee to get a Historical Marker for Market Square Park as well as a marker to identify the Millstones currently in the park.
- Serve cookies and cocoa at Christmas in Calhoun.
- Participation in Nebraska's 150 Celebration if there is an opportunity to do so.

**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, February 27, 2017. 6:00 pm at City Hall.

Cheri Oelke  
FCEC Secretary