

FORT CALHOUN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

October 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, Coleene Robinson, Amanda Schrum, Rosemary Therkildsen, Cheri Oelke and Lori Lammers. Cindy Gochanour has submitted her resignation from the Enhancement Committee. Also present, Bob Lammers

Minutes of the September Meeting: Copies of the September minutes were posted on line and printed copies were available as well. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Coleene and seconded by Rose.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elementary School Historical Marker: Bob Lammers presented information from a possible source for the display stand for the 10" x 8" picture of the old elementary school. It is a company in Iowa, Pilot Rock, that makes outdoor park equipment that would be sturdy enough for our use. This source will be considered as a possibility, however, it was also suggested that we may be able to use a local welder to make something for us. Lori will continue to explore more options.

Replacement of Highway banners: C.I. Shirts of Blair has been contacted for new Holiday banners. This is the company that we have used before. They will email Lori samples of available designs for us to chose from.

Yard of the Month: The October "Yard of the Month" was the home of Patti and Frank Beneker. It was decided that October would be the last month for this event until next spring. Lori volunteered to pick up the sign.

Trunk or Treat for Halloween: The flyers have been printed and distributed at the school and posted to the new Enhancement Facebook page. FCYSO has donated some of hotdogs and chips. Judy has purchased the rest of the supplies needed, for a total of 280 hot dogs. Rose will bring two "mushroom" heaters for the gazebo that Rock Hard Concrete is loaning to us for the event. Judy, Rose, Coleene, and Lori are the committee members that will work at the park. Bob Lammers has also volunteered to help.

Decorate City Hall: Judy reported that the maintenance department has been asked to pick up the pots from main street and after they are removed, we will plan to decorate City Hall. The plan is to decorate sometime in mid November whenever weather permits.

Christmas in Calhoun: Christmas in Calhoun is scheduled for December 9th. The Enhancement Committee involvement will be to have cookies and cocoa at the "Nativity".

Enhancement Committee Facebook page: The new facebook page has been set up by Coleene. This will give the committee the opportunity to bring more awareness to the community about the Enhancement Committee's activities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lighting Contest: Last year the Enhancement Committee did not have the Lighting Contest and we have received a number of requests to have it again this year. So, it was decided to bring it back “by popular demand”. It was determined, however, that no members of the Enhancement Committee would be part of the selection process. Instead, we will ask members of the community to do the selection using a “score card” method. Amanda will make up the score card and ask for volunteers to be a part of the selection committee. Lori will advertise that homeowners that wish to participate will need to have their lights on from December 10th through December 14th. The selection committee will turn in the score cards to City Hall on the 15th and the winners will be chosen at that time.

The Enhancement Committee will award the prizes as follows:

1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$75.00 and 3rd Place - \$50.00

Public Comments: Bob Lammers addressed the committee regarding the new “Ballpark” street sign. While everyone agrees that the new sign looks great, it was agreed that it would be nice to have some sort of “baseball” reference attached to the pole as well, to bring more attention to it. Suggestions were a ball bat, or an outline of a ball player. There is limited space below the sign so more research needs to be done before this project can be considered.

There being no other public comments, a move to adjourn was made by Coleene and seconded by Lori. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 27th, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by: Cheri Oelke, Secretary