

FORT CALHOUN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 24, 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, Cindy Gochanour and Coleene Robinson.

Absent: Rosemary Therkildsen, Amanda Schrum and Sue Newman

Minutes of the March meeting:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Elementary School Historical Marker:

Lori presented a picture of a display stand that is installed at the new Blair Library. The pros and cons of this type of unit instead of mounting the picture on a decorative rock were discussed. Lori will look into the pricing and fabrication of a metal stand and Judy will continue to look for a rock in order to compare these two options.

Highway Banners:

The new Spring banners have been received and the maintenance department has been asked to install them.

The next banners that need to be replaced are "Patriotic" and "Summer". We will wait to see how well the new banners work before placing another order with the new supplier.

Bike Racks

Colleen presented pictures of various bike rack styles that would work for our area. They are designs that could be removed for snow removal in the winter. Before moving forward Colleen will talk to the business owners along main street for their approval and suggestions.

April Clean Up Day

Main street was cleaned up on April 22nd. Weeds pulled, bricks aligned, and sidewalks swept. The new "Curb Alert" event asking people to put their unwanted items on the curb first instead of going straight to the dumpster was determined to be a success. Many people took advantage of the event, hopefully saving some items from the landfill. It is hoped that there will be more participation each time we do it.

Buying plants and planting pots on Main Street

The maintenance department will put the pots out sometime in the near future.

Available members of the committee will shop for plants near the end of the month.

In addition to the plants, Judy listed the following items that also need to be purchased:

Potting soil, additional rock to go around the flag pole in front of City Hall and Quick-Krete cement mix to install a holder for the metal sycamore tree information sign.

150TH Nebraska Celebration.

Amanda posted a request for suggestions on the Fort Calhoun web site. It is not known if she has had any responses.

NEW BUSINESS:**Farmers Market**

Based upon the success of last year's Farmers Market, the Enhancement Committee plans to repeat the same format this year, with the first market to be held on Thursday evening, July 6th.

Yard of the Month

Cindy suggested that the Enhancement Committee sponsor a "Yard of the Month" competition for Fort Calhoun. The idea was well received and will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

A move to adjourn was made by Colleen and seconded by Lori. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

Cheri Oelke
FCEC Secretary