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Term: 2018-2020

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Term: 2019-2021

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Term: 2017-2019

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Term: 2019-2021

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Term: 2018-2020

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Keith Johnson, Custer Health

Justin Froseth, Planning &
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John Van Dyke, City Planner

Kari Moore, Program
Coordinator

Katie Nagel, Arborist

Lori Flaten, Deputy Chief of
Police

**Mandan Community Beautification Committee
Thursday, June 13, 2019**

7:30 a.m.

**Veterans' Conference Room
Mandan City Hall, 205 Second Avenue NW**

MINUTES

A. Introductions

Snowden called the meeting to order. Members present are indicated by a . Also in attendance was Maria Walen.

B. Consider minutes from April 11, 2019 meeting

Leingang moved to approve the April 11, 2019 meeting minutes. Neubauer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Consider letters of interest received for unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2020.

There was only one letter of interest received from Maria Walen. Huber moved to recommend approval of Maria Walen to fill the unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2020. Neubauer seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The recommendation will go before City Commission on June 18.

D. Follow up on Chamber Leadership Bismarck Mandan Class of 2019 Mandan Flowers project

Walen provided an update to the committee on the Mandan Flowers project. The baskets are in and the team, along with a local Boy Scout troop and youth group, had a planting/assembly party on Wednesday at Cashman's Nursery. Cashman's was to finish what the group didn't get done so the flowers will be ready to hang up in July.

The brackets are scheduled to be delivered between June 30 and July 4. Walen and the team are hoping to have the baskets up in time for July 4. The Boy Scout group has volunteered to hang the brackets, but Walen asked if the city would be able to assist. Bitz felt like getting it done before the fourth would be hard for his crew, but said they could try to help. It was discussed that since the brackets need to be installed at 10 feet, a bucket truck would be best to use for installation. The committee discussed the option of getting volunteers, or a group

from Mor-Gran-Sou or MDU to help. Snowden will check with MDU. Ouradnik suggested contacting one of the tree trimming services for help as well. The brackets will wrap around the poles and clamp together. Baskets will be hung on both sides of Main Street.

The team is very close to reaching their fundraising goal for 2019. Another \$1,000 sponsorship was received on Wednesday, and she received word of some \$125 commitments as well. Walen clarified BOS Solutions agreed to do the watering for one year to see how it goes. She will provide something in writing on this agreement to Neubauer.

Huber asked Walen about doing something to recognize sponsors for Mandan Flowers during the July 16 City Commission meeting. She attended the team's presentation of their project, and said they did a great job and put lots of time into the project and continue to do so.

E. Community Clean-Up Day Wrap-up

Leingang reported there were more than 230 volunteers for Clean-Up Day despite the weather. Over 360 bags of litter and five tires were picked up. There were enough Dairy Queen treat coupons to hand out one to each child volunteer. Staff met after the event and discussed ways to fine tune the event.

F. Update on projects

a. Update on Main Street lane reallocation and streetscape project (Froseth)

Froseth updated the committee on the Main Street lane reallocation and streetscape project. There has been one stakeholder meeting and one public input meeting since the committee last met. Presentations were also given at the May Mandan Progress Organization meeting and during the Downtown on Tap: Tour and Social on May 9. Froseth stated that overall, those attending these meetings or providing input through the project channels have had positive reactions and feedback. He did recognize that the response on social media hasn't been very positive. The City Commission approved the option using colored/stamped concrete versus the built in seating. The steering committee felt that planters would be hard to manage, and suggested putting bike racks or other items providing opportunity for public art where planters were in the project concept drawings.

Froseth clarified that the Urban Grant Program project, traffic signal replacement project, and concrete repair project will all be worked on at the same time, during the 2020 construction season.

He reported 10th Ave NW will remain in flash mode for a 90-day study period. If the data obtained doesn't show the traffic signal should remain, it will be kept in flash mode until removed. There have been two reportable accidents at the intersection since it was put in flash mode. Froseth has asked those calling in to complain about near misses, send him an email so he can forward the information on to the North Dakota Department of Transportation. Neubauer clarified that the City of Mandan cannot keep the signal even if the city paid for it. The light does not meet federal warrants, and the North Dakota Department of Transportation has to follow federal warrants.

G. Other Status Reports

Neubauer expanded on Tuesday's announcement that Energy Transfer gave \$3 million to the City of Mandan for improvements to the Morton Mandan Public Library, Dykshoorn Park and

Heritage Park. He explained the need for the library is a place to keep, load and unload the bookmobile, and an atrium where patrons can come in and keep elements from the weather away from the books. The Mandan Progress Organization needs space to work on and store Christmas lights and other community event decorations. Current concept drawings include a heated building that would be split to meet both these needs, a change to the entrance to the library, update and extend the deck to the east with a viewing level, a black iron fence in front of the park with brick kiosks, an update in front of the depot and possibly another larger pavilion for bigger musical events on the east end of Heritage Plaza with public restrooms. Aesthetic improvements for Fourth and Fifth Avenues NW were included in the concept drawing as well, because these avenues are focal points into the park/plaza and it would be good for them to visually match them.

Neubauer reported a request for qualifications may be approved on June 18, and it could be Sept. 3 before an architectural firm is on board, bid in Jan. 2020, award bids in Feb. 2020, and start work in the spring of 2020. The project concept is estimated at \$3.5 to \$5 million and the city will work with other entities to get more donations to cover the cost.

He added Energy Transfer's involvement with Morton County and Mandan in the past made them feel like the library and MPO were ways to give back directly to the community. The library serves both Morton County and Mandan residents, and the events bring people from all over to Mandan.

Neubauer emphasized that the concept was just a concept and could change as the project develops.

Neubauer reported a settlement conference with Lonesome Dove on the building mural is set for July 11.

Van Dyke reported the engineering intern will be doing an assessment of the obelisks to find out their condition and how many can be salvaged. He hopes to give an update to the committee in August.

H. Future Meetings

- a. Thursday, August 8, 2019 (7:30 a.m.)
- b. Thursday, October 10, 2019 (7:30 a.m.)

I. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.