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Katie Nagel, Arborist

Lori Flaten, Deputy Chief of  
Police

**Mandan Community Beautification Committee**

**Thursday, August 8, 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 .

**B. Consider minutes from June 13, 2019 meeting**

Leingang moved to approve the June 13, 2019 minutes. Neubauer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**C. Update on Mandan Flowers project**

Walen reported the Mandan Flowers project team is currently \$500 short of their 2019 fundraising goal and \$1,200 shy for maintaining the project in 2020. She said BOS Solutions is enjoying watering the flowers. They water the flowers twice a week, in the mornings on Tuesdays and Fridays.

There will be a ribbon cutting for the Mandan Flowers project on Monday, Aug. 19 at 4:15 p.m. by the hanging flower baskets near Security First Bank.

**D. Update on projects**

- a. Update on tree planting grant for E Main Street (Nagel)

Nagel received word that the tree-planting grant application for planting trees on the east end of Main Street was awarded to the City of Mandan. The amount is for \$2,000 from the North Dakota Forest Service. She plans to plant the trees in the spring of 2020. She stated she would like to continue to apply for the grant annually, and if there is ever a bigger project, there is a grant for \$10,000. Both grants open up in March with application deadlines at the end of April.

**E. Discuss future beautification project ideas**

Froseth advised the committee that he will run the plans for aesthetic improvements on Memorial Highway by the committee once they are underway. The Memorial Highway reconstruction project has been pushed back to 2021, but since aesthetic improvements are planned, the committee won't need to plan a separate project in the area.

*Huber stated there will be an opportunity to discuss banners or items to be displayed on the new street poles that are being installed with the Main Street lane reallocation project. While the project is planned for 2020 construction, the soonest anything could be displayed would likely be early 2021.*

*Neubauer reported there are not currently any beautification elements at the gateway along Highway 6 from the south. The area would be in the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) right of way. Huber suggested the sign designed by Berberich Designs in the master wayfinding plan as an element that could be used here. Snowden suggested a mural on the inside of the bridge over the Heart River on Highway 6, which opened up the discussion to the concept of public art. Neubauer stated it would be best to put mural ideas on hold for the time being.*

*Snowden talked about the Department of Transportation in Ohio doing wildflower plantings, similar to pollinator gardens, in their right of way areas. These gardens are pretty and easy to maintain. The committee agreed these gardens would be good on the edges of Mandan in an area where water isn't frequently flowing through. Neubauer suggested the area heading south on Highway 6 on the USDA side of the road but off the road a little bit.*

*It was discussed that the committee should add the Collins & Highway 1806 North intersection to potential project areas. The roadway is set to be reconfigured with a roundabout in 2021. Froseth stated the initial plans include six to eight trees inside the roundabout to be maintained by the city. The committee noted it should follow up on the aesthetics of the area when the project is in the design phase.*

*Huber noted the northwest corner of Sunset Drive and Boundary road is probably the most important area on the list of potential projects. Nagel stated the ground is not habitable for plantings as the subsoil is rocky. She suggested doing hardscaping, like a sign or rocks. There will be drainage work completed in that area in 2020, and a reconstruction project is more than likely five to 15 years out. Committee members agreed that a sign like the masonry sign in the master wayfinding plan by Berberich Designs would be a good fit for the gateway area. There was discussion about the area not being flat and how the sign may have to be a hybrid of the two-pole wayfinding signs and the masonry sign example to work in the area. Huber will investigate the costs of the sign, Bitz and Froseth will look at utilities in the area and check with NDDOT on permission to have a sign in the area.*

*It was also discussed that with the future project at the library, Dykshoorn and Heritage parks the committee may have the opportunity to discuss beautification elements for that project. Neubauer reported architectural proposals received are currently being reviewed.*

#### **F. Other Status Reports**

*Froseth followed up with the NDDOT about cleaning up the evergreens by Culver's. Originally, he was told that was something the NDDOT would do, but after a recent conversation, it appears that it is up to City staff to maintain. Nagel will look in to cost estimates to have the first four or five trimmed up.*

*Froseth reported the Main Street road reallocation project is in the final design stages. The project is tracking to bid in March with construction in 2020.*

*Huber reported the beautification matching grant concept could be taken off the future agenda items list. Neubauer added that the possible School District phase II project at the gateway at 6<sup>th</sup> Ave NE & Sunset Drive could be taken off as well, or at least remove the school district and add it to a future project idea list.*

*Neubauer stated committee openings are normally advertised in late fall. The committee has two members with terms expiring at the end of 2019: Laurie Leingang and Jody Skogen.*

**G. Future Meetings**

- a. Thursday, October 10, 2019 (7:30 a.m.)
- b. Thursday, December 12, 2019 (7:30 a.m.)

**H. Adjourn**

*There being no further business the meeting adjourned.*