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Luci Snowden, Citizen
Term: 2018-2020

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Brian Dehnert, Citizen
Term: 2019-2021

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Term: 2017-2019

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Term: 2019-2021

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Term: 2017-2019

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Term: 2018-2020

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Development & Communications

Keith Johnson, Custer Health

Justin Froseth, Planning &
Engineering

Candy Fleck, Code
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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, October 10, 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 Aug. 8, 2019 meeting

Dehnert asked why only four trees in the area in front of Culver's were cleaned up? Neubauer explained neighbors in the area were not happy once the cleaning process started, so City staff decided to put a hold on cleaning the area. The company cleaning the trees plans to finish the project in late October or November.

Neubauer moved to approve the Aug. 8, 2019 minutes. Walen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Update on projects

- a. Update on gateway entrance beautification project
NW corner of Sunset Drive and Boundary Road (City Staff)

Froseth reported the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) stated the area north of the fence is off limits, but south of the fence is fair game. There is no conflict with public utility lines in the area. There is a natural gas line that crosses Sunset just north of Boundary Road, but it shouldn't be a problem.

Huber reported the monument style sign is not intended for right-of-way areas, but a welcome sign would work. City staff is still collecting information.

There was discussion on the best spot for the welcome sign. The Fried's Family Restaurant sign appears to be in the best spot, but the committee felt the area a little north of the existing sign and slightly to the east could possibly work.

Discussion was held about the drainage work scheduled for spring or summer of 2020 in the area. Froseth set it would be best to wait to put the sign in until after the project is complete. The drainage work will bring some hardscaping to the area as well. Snowden stated the hardscaping may bring some

opportunity for landscaping elements or natural vegetation to the area, but did note that Nagel had already reported the soil in the area is not great for trees and other plants.

Neubauer stated the next step is to work with Mann Signs to get land locates, do some homework on the welcome sign and be thinking about what else can be done beautification wise in the area.

b. Update on the removal/refurbishing of obelisks (Van Dyke)

i. Map of obelisks

Van Dyke provided a map of the condition of the obelisks. Froseth explained the blue dots were for obelisks needing painted, red dots were for those needing repair or to be removed, and green dots indicated obelisks in good condition. There appeared to be about 15 or 16 obelisks in need of repair or to be removed.

There was some discussion if the removal or repair could be a Bobcat or other organization volunteer project. The committee asked that Van Dyke come back with a written summary with staff recommendations at the next meeting.

D. Other Status Reports

Walen reported the 40 hanging flower baskets along Main Street should come down on Monday next week. She's in need of help from Public Works to pick up the baskets and get them to the service area for a group to empty the baskets and store them on Wednesday.

Froseth stated the downtown Main Street lane reallocation project with curb bulb outs is set to go to bid in March for 2020 construction. Planning for the downtown avenue project should take place in 2020 with 2021 construction.

Snowden asked about Running's in regards to their landscaping requirements. Huber reported Running's has met all requirements.

Neubauer stated a stakeholder meeting for the library and Dykshoorn and Heritage parks project yesterday with about 20 people in attendance. The project is set to bid in late January, with shovels in the ground in April or May. Depending on the cost and scope of the project, it may be done in phases.

Dehnert asked about the leaning tree off of McKenzie Drive by Family Wellness. Nagel was going to try to fix the tree in the fall.

E. Discuss committee openings

Moore reported a news release was issued on Oct. 1 for all committee openings. Letters of interest will be accepted until Nov. 1. Skogen and Leingang's terms are expiring at the end of 2019. Both have indicated they are interested in serving another term. In December, the committee will hear from all those interested in filling the expiring terms and vote to take a recommendation to City Commission.

F. Future Meetings

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

b. Thursday, February 13, 2020 (7:30 a.m.)

G. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.