

Visitors Committee

Members:

Shannon Gangl

Term: Aug. 2018 – Aug. 2020

Lee Pierce

Term: Aug. 2015 – Aug. 2019

Tim Helbling, Mayor

Term: 2016-2020

Terry Kraft

Term: Aug. 2015 – Aug. 2019

Maria Walen

Term: Jan. 2016 – Dec. 2019

Liaisons:

City Administrator,
Jim Neubauer

Mandan Visitors Committee

Tuesday, March 3

12 - 1 p.m.

Veterans Conference Room

Mandan City Hall

205 2nd Ave. NW

Mandan, ND 58554

MINUTES

1. Introductions

Neubauer called the meeting to order. Members present are indicated with a . Also in attendance were Clint Boyd, Tyler Gangl, Karmen Siirtola, and City of Mandan Communications & Community Services Coordinator Kari Moore.

2. Consider appointments for expired terms:

- a) ~~Terry Kraft~~
- b) Maria Walen
- c) Clint Boyd
- d) Tyler Gangl
- e) Karmen Siirtola

Shannon Gangl stated he is not interested in continuing his term on the committee, and Neubauer reported Pierce and Kraft have stated they are not interested in another term on the committee. Shannon motioned to recommend the approval of the appointment of Karmen Siirtola, Tyler Gangl, and Clint Boyd and the re-appointment of Maria Walen to fill the vacant and unexpired terms on the Mandan Visitors Committee. Lee seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

This recommendation will go to the City Commission for approval during the March 14 City Commission meeting. Neubauer anticipates some funding requests for projects in the near future.

3. Other business

Neubauer gave those in attendance some background information on the committee and stated that the committee meets as needed as requests for funds come in. He reported there is approximately \$1.5 million in the visitor's fund. Possible future project funding requests include the library and downtown parks project, Dacotah Centennial Park, and Longfellow Park projects. There is currently no outstanding debt, but the fund could borrow in the future. The funding comes from the "bed and booze" tax on restaurant and lodging collections throughout the year. The fund collects \$400,000 to \$450,000 annually. It is limited by state law on what the money can be spent on. In the past, the committee has tried to keep 15 percent reserve in the fund.

Past committee project contributions include the Harmon Lake project, several contributions to Mandan Park District projects, the basketball court and bleachers at Mandan High School, helped purchase the land for Family Wellness, the wayfinding signs installed throughout the city, and more. The report can be sent to committee members if they wish to see it.

Helbling stated it is nice to have three of the four Mandan hotels represented on the committee. He thanked Lee and Shannon for their time on the committee and welcomed the new members.

Shannon reported to the committee that Minot is convinced that the future of winter sports is an indoor soccer and tennis arena, and he just wanted the committee members to keep that in mind for the future.

4. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.