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Mandan Community Beautification Committee

Thursday, June 11, 2020

7:30 a.m.

Veterans' Conference Room

Mandan City Hall, 205 Second Avenue NW

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MINUTES

A. Introductions

Snowden called the meeting to order. Members present are indicated by a . Also in attendance was Grounds Maintenance Superintendent Jason Herman.

B. Consider minutes from Feb. 13, 2020 meeting

Dehnert moved to approve the Feb. 13, 2020 minutes. Neubauer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Review Community Clean-Up Day

a. Saturday, May 16, 2020

Moore stated the wrap-up article of the May 16 Community Clean-Up Day that ran in the Mandan e-Messenger was in the agenda packet. She said there were 237 pre-registered volunteers and about that many turned out. She felt that the pre-assigned routes worked really well and using the Grounds Maintenance building worked perfectly. Dehnert agreed that the morning went a lot smoother with everyone knowing where they were going by being assigned routes and having that communicated to them in advance. The committee agreed that it may be worth pre-assigning routes for the event next year. One question to consider was do we meet in Dykshoorn Park in the morning or just after for lunch? Bitz also stated that it went really well and thanked everyone for putting the event together.

D. Update on projects

a. Update on Library, Dykshoorn & Heritage Park

Project (Neubauer)

Neubauer reported the library and downtown parks improvement project is currently out for bids. He hopes to take the bids before City Commission on July 21.

Froseth gave an update on the Main Street project as well. The bid opening did not go well with bids coming in 20% over the estimate. The items related to the curb bulbouts seemed to be the reason for the high bids. The federal funding for this portion of the project is capped, and therefore the City would have to take on the addition cost if the bids had been accepted. The City Commission rejected the bids and will rebid the project in the fall. Froseth stated they are currently trying to decide if the project will be rebid with or without the curb bulbouts. If done without the bulbouts, only the lane reallocation and traffic signal replacement would take place.

b. Update on removal/repainting of obelisks ([Map](#))

Moore reported she spoke with Dehnert about Bobcat doing a volunteer project for removal of the obelisks. He said that Bobcat is uncertain if they will be able to do a volunteer project this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Moore said she felt that was an issue that we could run into with any organization. She will make some contacts to see about a project to paint the obelisks, but stated it could have to be put off till next year.

E. Other Status Reports

a. Update on tree-planting grant application (Nagel)

Nagel stated she recently planted the trees with the funds awarded from the 2019 grant. She did not apply for the tree-planting grant this year due to COVID-19. She plans to reapply next year to possibly plant some trees in the downtown parks.

Nagel also reported that she and the local Garden Club planted 75 perennial plants at the electronic marquee on the east end of Main Street earlier this week. The Garden Club will pull weeds and help maintain the flowers there this year. Nagel and some staff also cleaned up and planted some plants at the west Main Street gateway entrance.

Huber added that the hanging baskets were installed along Main Street at the end of May and look very nice. Moore said she has been working with Walen for a story to go in an upcoming Mandan Messenger. Mandan Flowers by Growing BisMan is currently accepting sponsorships for 2021.

b. Update on AARP Community Challenge Grant application (Van Dyke)

Van Dyke stated the AARP grant was originally going to be awarded in May, but was pushed to Aug. 15 due to COVID-19. This will give a short window of time for the artist, Mel Gordon, to actually get the mural up. Van Dyke will send out a survey to help get a feel for what people want to see. This way, if awarded, Gordon will be able to get it done this year. If the grant is not awarded, he'll have some ideas for next year.

Huber asked Tretbar about helping put together a community sidewalk chalk art event, after seeing some of Tretbar's sidewalk art creations. Something simple, just to help draw people to downtown and visit businesses. Tretbar said the Art Co-Op does a similar event at the Capital grounds and she thought the committee could work with them as well. One idea was to make it a competition with two age categories: under age 18 and 18 plus. Neubauer suggested having business owners bring community members out to do chalk art on the sidewalks outside their business. Huber would like for it to be on a non-event weekend. She said they could do the chalk

art in the park area and then invite businesses to run specials or sales to entice the artists and those coming to check the art out. Tretbar has good chalk that lasts a while and is cheaper if bought in bulk. Huber, Tretbar and Mehlhoff will work together to get a concept together and share it with the group via email.

F. Future Meetings

- a. Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020 (7:30 a.m.)
- b. Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020 (7:30 a.m.)

G. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.