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Term: 2020-2022

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Mandan Community Beautification Committee

Thursday, August 13, 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 June 11, 2020 meeting

Neubauer moved to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2020 meeting. Mehlhoff seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Update on projects:

**a. Library, Dykshoorn & Heritage Park Project
(Neubauer)**

Neubauer stated bids for the library and downtown parks project came in on July 14 and were in the ball park of the project estimate. The total project cost of completing the work of the library addition, Dykshoorn park, and the improvement out in front of the Depot building is \$5.8 million. Energy Transfer donated \$3 million. The Mandan Supplemental Environmental Projects Trust (MSEPT) committee met on Wednesday and approved providing \$600,000 towards the project. Neubauer said the remaining \$2.2 million will be sought from the Visitors Promotion fund and that committee is meeting later today.

Neubauer added the MSEPT also approved providing \$400,000 towards the local share of the Main Street lane reallocation project. The original bids for this project were received in the

spring and were significantly higher than expected. The City turned down the bids and will seek to rebid the project in November after securing additional funding to help with the increase in the cost of the local share.

b. Removal/repainting of obelisks ([Map](#))

Schmidt reported 14 United Way Day of Caring volunteers painted 20 obelisks on Wednesday. Mehlhoff said there were some obelisks near her home that were not included in the inventory that look to be in good shape but need painted. Van Dyke will look in to it and see about getting them painted.

Dehnert said there is still some talk of Bobcat doing a volunteer project this fall. If they are able to do a volunteer project, we'd look for them to help remove the obelisks that have been identified as needing removed.

**c. Gateway entrance beautification project NW corner of Sunset Dr & Boundary Rd
(City Staff)**

Froseth said there is a drainage project in the area of this gateway project, and he is waiting on the contractor to get back with an estimate. He doesn't think the drainage project will have an effect on a sign in the area in the future. Utilities in the area have not yet been checked.

Neubauer said staff will work to identify what kind of sign and where a sign can go in the area and come back with the information at the next meeting.

D. Other Status Reports

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

Van Dyke reported the City did not receive the grant from AARP. A survey was sent out to the public regarding a potential theme for the design of the mural if funding should ever become available. Van Dyke stated 115 responses were received in the first round of the survey. Those responses helped narrow down a theme, and the second round of surveys, that is currently still open to the public, took the top four themes from round one (two themes that were pre-determined and two that were write-ins) to get an idea for what the mural's theme could be if it was to come to fruition. Van Dyke would like see if the school would be interested in this being a class project, otherwise the project will have to wait for other grant opportunities.

Dehnert asked about the Memorial Highway improvement project. Froseth reported that the project is still on track for phase I to start in 2022. Phase I will consists of mainly non-roadway items, and phases II and III will follow.

Leingang asked who was watering the flower hanging baskets along Main Street because she thinks the committee should thank them. Walen said BOS Solutions has been watering the flowers. There was also discussion about getting thank you cards to two people that Bitz mentioned. He told the group that there is a man who goes to the cemetery weekly and trims grass for about eight hours and does it all voluntarily, and there is a woman who walks around town picking up trash. Neubauer stated staff will work to get thank you's out to these individuals. Snowden would like for the committee to discuss a way to recognize citizen's like this at the next meeting.

E. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.