

Downtown Revitalization Committee

Minutes

May 4, 2023

5 pm. Red Daisy Girl, 130 N. Central Ave.

The Downtown Revitalization Committee met on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at the Red Daisy Girl, 130 N. Central Ave.

Present were committee members: Ken Martine, Carey Hargot, Tim Swiggum, Tony Wallace, Cindy Cardinal, Linda Barna and John Heil.

Called to Order at 5:04pm by Martine.

Minutes: A Cardinal/Hargot motion/second to approve the minutes from April 6, 2023 passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: A balance of \$10,802.98 was reported. Flower donations report was presented, so far we have raised \$1260. The city has another donation that was included in a water bill. A Wallace/Barna motion and second to approve the report passed unanimously.

Growin' Owen: Community Service Day has been moved to May 12 instead of May 10. We will have them work on Fremont Park but a supervisor is needed which Martine volunteered to do. We would like to place 6 half whiskey barrels around the downtown in lieu of some of the hanging baskets. The dam flowers were discussed and it would seem that we are going to need to remove all the flowers until Chad Smith figures out what they are going to do. He is recommending concrete planters which drew a mixed review from the committee. A Swiggum/Cardinal motion and second to approve Martine purchasing 6 whiskey barrels from Menards passed unanimously.

Farmer's Market: The market will open on May 27th which is Memorial Day Weekend. It will run 9am to Noon. Paperwork will need to be filled out right away as it is due on the 10th of each month. We will need drivers for the train, Dan Tolzmann has expressed interest and the guy who does Santa might as well. Cindy will coordinate the drivers. Running an ad was discussed and a Cardinal/Swiggum motion and second to approve \$25 for an ad passed unanimously.

Flower Watering: Heil, Hargot and Swiggum made a trip to Abbotsford to check out a Cub Cadet tractor that would likely work for our needs. Heil reported that they are asking \$2500 but he knows the guy selling it for a third party and we might be able to get it for \$2,000. We will need to have storage for it and need to know the depot is available if we purchase it. We will need to start watering on May 24th and need to be prepared. A Wallace/Barna motion and second to approve spending up to \$2,000 on the Cub Cadet passed unanimously.

Summer Street Dances: Dates for the dances will be June 3rd, July 8th, and August 19th which is the Car Show. On June 3rd it will be The Kingsleys and Knuckle Sammy, July 8th will be Time Traveler and Jack Damage. The Car Show does not have a band or dj at this time. Discussion on whether we could borrow the Colby Cheese Days stage. The bars will pay to the DRC \$350 per dance two weeks in advance of the dances. A \$125 budget for advertising from the DRC was discussed. A Wallace/Heil motion and second to approve the dates, bands, and advertising budget of \$125 passed unanimously.

Car Show: Still looking for a band and a dj for the afternoon. Suggestion made to do more prizes and giveaways during the show.

Autumnfest: No discussion at this time. Date is set for September 30th.

Any Other Business: Discussion on Community Gardens and Election of Officers should be on the next agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm by Martine.

Submitted by Tim Swiggum