

Downtown Revitalization Committee Minutes

June 1, 2023

The Downtown Revitalization Committee met on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at Red Daisy Girl, 130 N. Central Ave.

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Martine.

Minutes: A Hargot/Cardinal motion/second to approve the minutes from May 24, 2023 with one correction. Under Farmers Market it should say “due within 10 days of the event” rather than the 10th of each month.

Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: A balance of \$11,852.45 was reported. A Barna/Hargot motion/second to approve the report passed unanimously.

Bank signatories was moved up on the agenda: A Wallace/Cardinal motion/second to provide the bank statement and check register to the city clerk monthly was approved unanimously.

Election of officers:

The Secretary and Treasurer positions will be separated into two.

Chairperson: Cardinal nominated Martine.

Vice Chairperson: Swiggum nominated Hargot.

Secretary: Swiggum nominated Cardinal.

Treasurer: Cardinal nominated Swiggum.

A Cardinal/Wallace motion/second to accept as nominated passed unanimously.

Summer Steet Dances/Permit: A paragraph describing the event and the signatures for the petition were turned into City Hall on Wednesday. Wallace asked if the bars are paying for the bands if the DRC could do the deposit. The deposit won’t be required until after the permit is officially approved by the city council.

Signatures for all three dances were done at once. Marshall Star Band will be playing for the Car Show. A Hargot/Barna motion/second for the DRC to pay the \$100 deposit for the July dance and the Car Show was approved unanimously.

Community Gardens: There is one garden plot left. The shed needs shingles. Terry Plautz got an estimate of \$285.34 for shingles. Wallace said he has some metal left from when he redid his roof. He will donate it and put it on. Martine is willing to help.

Growin’ Owen: We need to have a fundraiser of some sort to help with the cost of the flowers. Cardinal got a price for building some planter boxes to replace the plant sites that are being concreted in by the Mill Pond. Instead of four, we will do two to control costs. A Barna/Heil motion/second to have Duane Olson build two 3x5 planters not to exceed \$500. The high school horticulture students will help us out by starting some annuals for us next year. It was suggested that we should maybe bid out the plants for the hanging baskets next year. This will be addressed after the Car Show.

Farmer’s Market: Signs need to be ordered for the Farmers Market, four total. Three will say Farmers Market Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The fourth sign will say Farmers Market today. A Swiggum/Barna motion/second to spend up to \$100 for four signs passed unanimously. Barna reported that there were five vendors at the first Farmers Market held Memorial Day weekend. Train drivers are needed. Barna would like to see a food truck come or organizations selling food to try to get more people to the park during Farmers Market hours. Cardinal will put that and the need for train drivers on the Facebook page. Barna also said items that need to be refrigerated can’t be sold at the Farmers Market, including eggs without a permit. Barna provided the vendor with eggs with the information and will give her a month to comply.

Flower Watering: Ken Frankewicz and Laken Potocnik are helping water. A schedule needs to be created. The DRC got a request to water the flowers at the Maki Memorial. The watering crew will water those flowers also if the Maki Foundation makes a donation to the DRC to help cover the cost of the water.

Car Show: The Car Show Subcommittee needs to work on getting sponsors.

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

Any Other Business: The July meeting will be moved to July 13, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m. by Martine.

Submitted by Cindy Cardinal