

Downtown Revitalization Committee

Minutes

Thursday March 3, 2022

5:00 pm. @ Red Daisy Girl, 130 N. Central Ave.

The Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) met on Thursday March 3, 2022 at 5 pm. at the Red Daisy Girl. Present were committee members: Carey Hargot, Nicole Rogers, Cindy Knight, and Ken Martine. Absent were, Allison Zeitler and Tony Wallace.

Others present: Tim Swiggum and Cindy Cardinal- O-W Enterprise.

Called to order at 5:05 pm. by Martine.

Minutes:

A Hargot/Rogers motion and second to approve the February 3, 2022 minutes passed unanimously.

Financial Report

No financial report available

Growin' Owen/Flower Baskets/Fundraising:

Cardinal reported on the Growin' Owen Committee meeting held at city hall. A copy of the meeting notes was provided and discussed. It was explained that the DRC has taken on the added responsibility of the hanging baskets and it will be important that we fundraise enough to cover the costs and possibly more. The flower beds and city properties are all under one area in the budget going forward. We can limit the number of baskets to the downtown area to save on some of the costs and utilize any extra funding for other DRC projects. The committee has offered to do a booth at the Expo to try to get donations and explain what they do. They will also be presenting at the expo which will bring more interest to us as well.

Watering Crew:

Swiggum is stepping down from the watering this year. Too many people complain. Due to Tim cutting back his hours at city hall in June, he suggested that the city use some of the wages saved, to hire a public works "intern" type employee to do watering of the baskets. They need daily attention and even if a little rain comes they need to be watered most days. It is important if we want to take pride in our baskets. Volunteers can keep an eye on the ground beds as they do not dry out as fast.

A Rogers/Knight motion and second to spend \$50 on raffle basket items for the expo, \$175 for the expo booth, and recommend to the council to hire a public works employee part time to water the hanging baskets. Hopefully someone who wants to make them as good as they can get. The motion passed unanimously.

Car Show:

It is a bit early for the Car Show to meet but it will come fast and we don't want to put it off long.

Community Service Day:

Community Service Day will be held on May 11. Linda Barna and LoraLee will hopefully be able to supervise some work at the Library and the Fremont Park. More information at the April meeting.

Set Committee Meetings: Growin' Owen March 22, 22 at 2pm at City Hall

Next DRC meeting will be held on April 7, 2022 at 5pm at the Red Daisy Girl, 130 N. Central Ave.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned by Martine at 5:40 pm.

Submitted by Tim Swiggum