

Downtown Revitalization Committee

Minutes

May 2, 2019

The Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) met on Thursday May 4, 2019, at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Present were committee members: Ken Martine, Nicole Shattuck, Travis Rogers and Jeff Conger. Absent was Tony Wallace, Jeff Conger and Cindy Knight.

Others present: Tim Swiggum and Cindy Cardinal.

Called to order at 6:15pm by Martine.

Minutes:

A Rogers/Shattuck motion and second to approve the April 4, 2019 minutes passed unanimously.

Financial Report

No report available.

Trackless Train Funding:

Swiggum has submitted a \$5,000 grant to AARP regarding the train. The awards will be announce in mid June and it seems that if the grant is approved the funds will be easier to match. The OWACC was supportive but not wanting to put a dollar amount behind their support at this time. If the grant is awarded Swiggum will approach the other potential funders.

Growin' Owen:

Ally is working with kids to plant a Butterfly Garden at the Library and also working on the Veterans Memorial. The sign for the America in Bloom grant is the last thing we need to get done. A Rogers/Milbert motion and second to have DJs Repair make a sign, the budget will be \$300. The motion passed unanimously.

Car Show:

Committee meeting will be held on May 9th. Phil Kitze has been hired for \$1000. They will play from 6pm-10pm. There will be a sound system charge of \$200 for the daytime activities and music.

Street Dance:

Austin Fire has been hired in place of EverRoad which was not available due to Country Jam. They will play from 7-11 and Kurt Seeman of Kman's Music will play from 5-7. Chicken Dinner is a go and it will include the Mauel Family dinner at Millpond Park.

Autumnfest:

Nothing new to report.

Movie Nights:

The Owen Public Library will apply for the license but all events need to be held at the library. This is workable as the library is not open on Saturdays when we likely would hold the movies.

Christmas Celebration:

Discussion was held on the idea of transplanting a larger "Christmas" tree at the end of Main Street. We will see if we can find out how much something like that would cost to have done.

Set Committee meetings:

Growin' Owen: May 24, 2019, Noon at L.A.S.T. Ace. **Car Show:** May 16, 2019, 5:30 pm at L.A.S.T. Ace,

Next meeting will be held on **June 6, 5:30 pm at City Hall.**

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martine at 6:45 pm.

Submitted by Tim Swiggum