

Downtown Revitalization Committee

Minutes

June 6, 2019

The Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) met on Thursday June 6, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Present were committee members: Ken Martine, Nicole Rogers, Travis Rogers, Tony Wallace, Cindy Knight and Jeff Conger. Others present: Tim Swiggum and Cindy Cardinal.

Called to order at 5:30pm by Martine.

Minutes:

A Conger/N. Rogers motion and second to approve the May 2, 2019 minutes passed unanimously.

Financial Report

A balance of \$2,454.18 was reported by the City Clerk. A N. Rogers/Wallace motion and second to approve the report passed unanimously.

Trackless Train Funding:

No news on this project. The AARP Grant will not be known until June 15th.

Growin' Owen/Community Garden:

Grant money was received from America in Bloom. 5th Street planting of Marigolds is completed. Butterfly Garden at the Owen Public Library is next up on the list. Linda Barna has been helping with this and the Wifi pavilion. We need tools, an article in the papers would be nice soliciting some donations. The watering crew is in place and hopefully it will help deter burnout. Rain barrels were also discussed.

Car Show:

Phil Kitze will play from 6pm to 10pm. Float for the Owen and Withee parades was discussed. Sponsor fee for Car Show will be \$75 this year, includes shirt, trophy sponsorship and posters thanking them at car show. There have not been many vendors showing interest and an ad for vendors was discussed. Food and Bounce House will be set up on the city lot north of Gelhaus Dentistry. Tim Peterson's drone talents will be checked into as well as a catalog for some more interesting trophies. A Milbert/Knight motion and second to approve up to \$150 for vendor advertising passed unanimously.

Street Dance:

Short discussion on the events of the day and our main task will be to prepare and serve the chicken dinner.

Autumnfest:

Fruit Pie eating contest was discussed instead of pumpkin pie. Trunk or Treat was discussed as a way to add some kid friendly activities to the event.

Movie Nights:

It was determined that the logistics of presenting movie nights was not going to be doable this year. We will discuss it earlier in the year in 2020.

Christmas Celebration:

Nicole has a perfect tree that she is willing to donate if we can find someone who could move it. Permission from the railroad may be necessary on the north end of Central Avenue and FOS on the south end.

Set Committee meetings:

Growin' Owen: June 13 at 9am for a workday, meet at city hall. **Car Show:** June 18, 2019, 5:30 pm at L.A.S.T. Ace,

Next meeting will be held on **July 17, 5:30 pm at City Hall.**

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martine at 6:40pm.

Submitted by Tim Swiggum