

**Downtown Revitalization Committee
Minutes
September 1, 2016**

The Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) met on Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 6:16 p.m. at city hall. Present were committee members: Jill Schindler-Potocnik, Mary Lynn Kiviko, Carol Devine, Steve Ristola and Kelly Knight. Absent were Linda Wyeth and Don Wyeth.

Others present: Tim Swiggum, Pam Ristola, June Roohr, Abby Pippin and Cindy Cardinal.

Minutes:

A D. Devine/Ristola motion to approve the minutes from 8/11/16 passed unanimously.

Financial Report

A balance of \$4699.92 was reported. There are still some adjustments to be made after the car show such as advertising bill and refunds on beer. A L. Ristola/Schindler-Potocnik motion and second to approve the financial report passed unanimously.

Farmers Market

One sign still needs fixing. Otherwise things are going okay.

Community Garden

Gardeners will be asked to do a cleanup after harvest is complete.

Main Street Car Show and Burnout Contest

We still need to hear from the Fair Board regarding the 2017 Car Show and if the Owen Junior Fair will be running with us on the same weekend.

Autumnfest

A Ristola/Kiviko motion and second approved the following plans for the Autumnfest:

Autumnfest will be held on October 22nd at the Old School Gym and grounds. The baking contest will be run by Kelly Knight and will feature pumpkin based desserts. All desserts should be dropped off by 11am at the Old School. Carol Devine will be in charge of vendors and they will begin setting up at 9am with the doors opening at 11am to the public. The Chili Cookoff will be run by Abby Pippin. All entries should be dropped off beginning at 10am and serving will begin at 11am. Price will be \$5.00 per bowl and those who purchase will be issued tickets to vote for their favorite. Tim will write an article for the newspapers. There will be a bonfire out back of the Old School starting at approximately 8pm weather permitting. The bonfire has been okayed by the fire department and we should start collecting pallets and such. Smokin' Karaoke will play music from 11-2 during the Chili cookoff, Jill will contact the Young Old-Timers for the 2-6 slot and Smokin' Karaoke will run a Karaoke contest from 6-10 with the Jaycees hopefully serving as judges again. Chinese lanterns will be sold by the Cub Scouts again and will be launched during the bonfire. Cub Scouts will also be decorating the sitting scarecrows and placing them around downtown prior to the Autumnfest. Girl Scouts will be doing crafts and pumpkin painting, Kelly will talk to them. The leaf pile will also go again with Don and Linda being in charge. Hayrides will run all day again as well, hopefully the FFA will be able to provide a driver for the wagon again. We will use the \$250 remaining Chamber Bucks for prizes and sell DRC Mugs. The food menu will consist of burgers, chili dogs, beer, soda and apple cider.

Curb Appeal Contest

We had 3 entries with a total of \$650 in prizes given away. It was decided that next year we will allow for nominations as too many people did not want to enter their own projects. Winners were: Josh Leeder, 1st place in large category; Pippins Pub and Grub, second place in large category; and Allison Milbert, 1st place in the small category. A Ristola/Kiviko motion to use the remaining Chamber Bucks for the Autumnfest passed unanimously.

Pippin's Street Dance:

There will be a street dance on September 17th. It will be on 5th Street on the north side of Pippins. Abby has five bands booked and is working on sponsors for the rest. The evening is being billed as "Metal 'til Midnight". A Ristola/Schindler-Potocnik motion and second to recommend to the council to allow for the closure of 5th street for the evening passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be held on October 6th , 6pm at city hall.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Schindler-Potocnik motion and subsequent vote approved adjournment at 7:13 pm.

Submitted by
Tim Swiggum