

Downtown Revitalization Committee

Minutes

Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020

5pm. @ Millpond Park

The Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) met on Thursday September 3, 2020 at 5:00 pm. at the Millpond Park. Present were committee members: Ken Martine, Allison Milbert, Jeff Conger, Nicole Rogers and Cindy Knight.

Absent were Tony Wallace and Travis Rogers

Others present: Tim Swiggum and Cindy Cardinal.

Called to order at 5:00 pm. by Martine.

Minutes:

Milbert/Knight motion and second to approve the August 6, 2020 minutes passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Swiggum reported that the financial report was not available but should be around \$5,000 after we make the purchases approved at the last meeting.

Train update:

The 100' cord was purchased and seems to be working great. It was discussed that a caddy to roll it up would be a great thing to have as the cord is pretty heavy.

Farmer's Market:

Market is going well. Next year we will need to create a list of organizations and schedule them for concessions if they are willing. School groups and clubs would be great. Inini-Tee Design has made Farmer's Market shirts for sale with proceeds going to charity. Marge Rohland has settled in to her role as the lead organizer and the vendors are very happy with their sales. The weather has been a help this year.

Growin' Owen:

We do need to catch up on some weeding and mulching, but overall things look excellent. We need to sign up for the America In Bloom virtual symposium online. Each person should sign up even if you can only do a small part. We need to get some video and pictures compiled for our presentation. After discussion it was decided to shoot for September 19th to get some video and pictures of all our volunteers from the watering crew, weeding crews, community garden workers and train conductors etc. We want to make it a busy and colorful picture and ideas are always welcome. Terry Plautz and Marge Rohland are to be thanked for all they do.

Main Street Banners/Flags:

We will need to bring down the banners soon and give them to the Class of 2020. Jeff will email sample designs for the group to choose from and we had already allotted money at the last meeting.

Owen Main Street Car Show Report:

The Car Show went extremely well and with only a few mostly minor hiccups. After all expenses the DRC made a profit of approximately \$2700. Possible additions are needed to run from mid afternoon into the evening. People were done voting and looking for something to bide the time. Either we can move the trophy presentation up to 3pm or we can fill that hour with something to do. All in all it was our best show yet.

Autumnfest:

The Autumnfest will include the Chili Cook-off and the pie eating contest. The Owen Public Library is sponsoring the Trunk or Treat on Halloween and it was discussed that we could move everything to that day. A sub committee was mentioned as well. Many ideas were put forth and there are certainly lots of possibilities. It was mentioned that the Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts might want to help. A Conger/Milbert motion and second to approve moving the Autumnfest to October 31st and appointing the subcommittee as Jeff, Tim, Carey Hargot, LoraLee Peterson and Travis passed unanimously.

Set Committee meetings:

Growin' Owen September 19th at the Millpond Park at 11am.

Car Show:

Autumnfest: September 16th at 5pm at Red Daisy Girl

Next meeting will be held on **October 1, 2020 at 5pm. at Millpond Park.**

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martine at 6:29 pm.

Submitted by Tim Swiggum