

Downtown Revitalization Committee

Minutes

September 6, 2018

The Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) met on Thursday September 6, 2018, at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Present were committee members: Ken Martine, Mary Lynn Kiviko, Allison Milbert, Nicole Shattuck, Travis Rogers and Jeff Conger. Absent was Tony Wallace.

Others present: Tim Swiggum, Mary Ellen Hughes and Cindy Cardinal.

Called to order at 6:02 by Martine.

Minutes:

A Conger/Rogers motion and second to approve the August 2, 2018 minutes passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Swiggum reported a balance of \$4,485.51 in the account as reported by Clerk Devine. The trophy and dash plaques bills need to be paid yet.

A Rogers/Milbert motion and second to approve the financial report passed unanimously.

Haunted House

The Scary Neighborhood contest fliers and Haunted House fliers are up.

Car Show:

Kids activities were great and should continue in the future. The gap between the park and the center left a lot of people not knowing about the vendors or the food on the north end. We need to start the lineup of cars on that end next year. Classes for the competition need to be revamped and possibly just first place in categories but adding more categories. Need to record names of entrants with addresses and contact information. Cindy Knight has volunteered to work with the registration and vote tally next year. If the Maplehurst Mafia were so inclined it would be great if they took on the burnout contest as they were the main competitors in the past.

Autumnfest:

We are in need of a flier. The local churches and organizations will be invited to speak for a few minutes about their organization. These presentations will be done in between the music. Pumpkin pie eating contest will be announced for the first 20 participants. The pies will be filling only and the contestants cannot use their hands. The contest will be timed. Chili Cookoff will be a blind tasting with the competitors unknown to the public who will vote for their favorite. Entrants must bring a roaster full or 3 gallons to compete. DRC members will be allowed to enter to ensure that we have enough chili to serve everyone. Prizes will be in Chamber Bucks with 1st place getting \$100, 2nd place- \$50 and 3rd place- \$25. It will remain \$5 all you can eat and all who purchase a ticket can vote. All chili entrants should drop off their entry by 10am. Tasting cups and bowls, as well as condiments will be provided by the DRC. Pumpkin Pie eating contest winner will receive a unique shirt from Infini-Tee Design and \$10 in Chamber Bucks. We will need a timer and judges to ensure the pie is completely eaten. Hayrides will be offered as in the past. Tim will contact Steve Simons to see if the wagon is again available. The Young OldTimers have been contacted but have not returned the call for confirmation. The Girl Scouts will do the pumpkin painting and crafts for kids. Carol Devine is working on potential vendors. A corn maze was also discussed and might need more planning time to work on. A Rogers/Conger motion and second to approve the Autumnfest plans passed unanimously.

Growin' Owen:

Mary Ellen Hughes was present to discuss the use of the logs from the pine trees that were removed from the Old School. Leesa Syryczuk was contacted and would do a lumberjack with an owl on it's shoulder for \$1000. Diggers Hotline will need to be contacted before planting. Allison has an order ready for trees and we are able to keep the budget under \$10,000. The planting should be completed before the Autumnfest celebration. A Shattuck/Kiviko motion to purchase the trees passed unanimously. A Milbert/Kiviko motion to approve the DRC raise funds for the wood carving passed unanimously.

Fremont Park Dedication:

Loralee has announced the Library will be dedicating the pavilion and Wifi connection at Fremont/Wifi Park. At 4pm will begin with chalk drawings. Presentation and ceremony will be from 5-5:30 and Exit Stage Left will play from 5:30-7:30. DRC has hot dogs and buns from the Car Show that we could provide. A Shattuck/Milbert motion and second to provide the hot dogs and "fresh" buns and condiments for the dedication passed unanimously.

Set Committee meetings:

Growin' Owen: Sept 12 at 5pm at L.A.S.T. Ace. **Autumnfest/AIB Celebration:** Sept 18 at 6pm at City Hall.

Next meeting will be held on **October 4, 6pm at City Hall.**

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martine at 7:46pm Submitted by Tim Swiggum