

## **MAY 22, 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

5 p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: R. Moore, J. Pearson, B. Stoneberg. Others present: A. Christianson 1 and 2, K. Gorseger, A. Kenyon, S. Moore, B. Morgan, M. Reynolds.

### **Call to Order:**

Committee Chair Pearson called the meeting to order.

### **Covered Bridge:**

It was reported that the DNR rep who was to view the site for this bridge for purposes of determining if a dredge project is feasible has postponed a handful of times. We will reschedule until it happens.

### **Silhouettes:**

Adm. Christianson asked for contact information for vendors who might be able to cut out and paint military silhouettes for ramp at Visitor Center rail display now that Northern Machine is closed. Possibilities include Jim Segebrecht Jr. off Lamp Rd., Conrath; Willis Eby on C.T.H. B south of Glen Flora; and, Chris Hultman on C.T.H. O, NW of Bruce.

### **Miner Plaza:**

#### Seating Area

A photo of a seating area on the east side on Miner Plaza was passed around, which occupants of that building have suggested be upgraded to include the following:

- Brick pavers on both sides of the concrete walk.
- Two benches. There is one concrete bench at present.
- New shrubs. One of the two present shrubs is struggling.

A concern was also raised about making changes that might offend the Gold Star Mothers who donated the trees and, perhaps, the bench and planters.

A question was raised whether the Hutnik family had agreed to maintain this green space in return for being allowed years ago to erect a memorial to Lea Hutnik there.

Main Street Director Christianson questioned whether pavers would hold up, suggesting that consideration be given to using stamped concrete. Mrs. Pearson noted that stamped concrete has its own issues.

#### Signs

A request has been received to trim back trees donated by the aforementioned Gold Star Mothers in order to reveal the Rainbow Floral sign their growth has largely covered up. It was suggested that, rather than trimming these trees as severely as would be necessary, that City facade assistance be granted to cover the cost of relocating the sign over the top of the entry awning on the east side of Miner Plaza. A concern was raised what to do with other signage near that same entry. A building directory sign near the south end of the east side is largely unused.

### **Murals:**

Those present were asked if they had read the article about municipally sponsored murals in the May issue of The Municipality. It was noted, in response, that the article validates what we have been doing with murals. Ideas for additional murals were invited.

It was mentioned that the Fine arts Center Gallery submitted a mural sketch that would feature an image of fallen officer Dan Glaze superimposed over a black and blue flag. It was suggested this be forwarded to Rusk County, which is planning on developing a memorial to Officer Glaze off the NW corner of the County Government Center.

**Farmer's Market:**

The Main Street Director appeared to advocate construction of a larger new farmer's market pavilion; presumably on the City-owned parking lot west of the Courthouse; where it was depicted in the artist's rendering of that lot.

**Old Smoky:**

Mr. Morgan suggested that raising the block wall and laying sod over existing ground around old Smoky can level it making future maintenance easier. It was noted, in response, that laying sod over existing ground may not work.

**Holiday Cards:**

It was reported that ideas for additional vintage holiday cards have been submitted. We may want to wait and see how the six already approved turn out and how many additional sites may be desirable. These are to be painted on 4'x8' plywood or sign board. It was noted that reproducing these cards for fund-raising is probably not doable owing to copyrights. Intentions are to seek sponsors for these signs, at \$250 each, in order to reduce or eliminate the cost.

**Rail Display:**

It was reported that pricing has been requested for an 18" x 18" perimeter foundation for the Lake Ave. rail display building, the footprint of which is proposed to be upsized from 10'x20' to 12'x24'. It is uncertain whether construction plans exist, and we still do not have a quote to build it despite contacts made with a handful of area builders. [Plans were later found, but for the 10'x20' size. Lamperts will redo these plans for 12'x24' on its CAD system.] Mrs. Moore emphasized that the "witches hat" or railroad style roof needs to be used.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.