Commercial Beautification September 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

• We are working on an expanded version of Front Door/Back door

o This time we are lucky enough to have the support of Beulah Mennonite Church's

youth group who will be helping us paint exteriors

o Date and time TBD but will likely span a couple days of prep work weeding and

powerwashing, and one day of painting with the actual youth crew

o It was recommended we offer to include the girl scouts and boy scouts for some

of the simpler activities

o We are in the process of following up with businesses for signed release and to

ask about paint donation

• The chamber office agreed to participate and will pay $25 for paint. They

will have a check cut.

• Sole Solutions would love to participate and will donate their own paint as

it is left over from redoing the front and will match.

• Quality industries is excited to participate and would be happy to donate

the $85 for paint. Kenda said it takes two people to cut a check but she

will get one back to us.

• New Garber Building - Not on site during visit today but Sharon Dear is

able to provide contact info.

• Lovelight - We missed Willy today but Aubrey will try to call during the

work day and schedule a time in the evening to meet.

• Posh Rebellion was closed today due to Nolan's funeral. They will

reopen tomorrow. Aubrey will stop by after work.

• Sharon Dear is reaching out to Bonnie (Ed Smith's Daughter) and will get

back to us.

• Still working on manning the apple festival booth, Becky and Tony to coordinate

o Will use apples and paint project again this year

o We will have to set up by 9 AM and run for two days

o A schedule will ensure everyone has the opportunity to help and we have good

coverage

• Next Monday Tony would like to begin the pre-work for the next cleanup

o Would like to do it during the day

o Will focus on weeding, etc.

o Sharon and Becky to help if time permits, would love other volunteers if available

• Auction items are still needed for the October 18 Fundraiser

o Leslie offered to receive smaller items

o Please schedule larger donations with Becky directly

• Leslie confirmed the Chamber is not doing an art contest anymore, so VCB wouldn't be

competing to do this in conjunction with the apple festival

o Looking at 2020 for earliest possible option

o Sharon Dear noted several people have mentioned they would like to participate

but that an expensive apple "blank" might put them out of the running

• Hawthorne gymnastics considering move to old black and gold gym, attempting to sell

their current location

o If any businesses are looking to open or relocate, this space is available

o More businesses in town and less empty storefronts is always our goal!

• Movie in the park is this Saturday, September 14

o Movie is Night at the Museum

o Starts at dusk (estimated 8:15 pm)

• Missouri Community Betterment

o Visit this morning went well

o We were able to show them several of our highlights in just a 1 block walk

o Reminder the MCB conference is in October

• Now that the ramp at the courthouse is finished Sharon recommended reviving the

planting project at the courthouse

o Would provide trees and flowers for attractive shade

o Sharon will follow up, believes Ellen may still have drawings from before

• It was suggested we do/revive beautification award for commercial businesses around

town

o Per Sharon we still have the residential and commercial "winner" signs from the

last fall decorating contest

o Could extend it to include fall, Christmas/winter, spring, etc.

o Would be a great, low effort way to promote ourselves this apple festival

• Bronze plaques for historic buildings appears to be on hold

o Looks like the students are continuing to meet with businesses for school project

but may have less faculty support

o Hopefully it can be picked back up later if/when more resources are available

• Next meeting will be Monday October 14 at 5:30 pm in square deals.