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- Versailles Community Betterment  
Downtown Beautification Sub-committee  
Minutes from February 13, 2017 Meeting  
The first meeting of the sub-committee was held at Sugar Mama's starting @ 6:00 on February 13. Chair Mike Kilkenny started the meeting by asking everyone to review and update the contact list so we can keep in communication with ideas, projects and issues.  
The goal of the meeting is to generate short-, medium- and long-term projects. Topics included:  
Historical Identity  
Define the downtown identity. Build on the historic. Mike got ideas from the Historical Society Museum. Possibility of putting plaques on the front of buildings describing their history. Warsaw received 0% loans with a 10-year payback to restore their facades.
  - Sandy will contact Randy Pogue, Warsaw city administrator, to learn about their activities. Jacquie Brewer has contact information.
  - Issue: The "Historic Downtown" sign is barely visible by the bank at the stop light.  
Simple painting and fixing. Power washing. Residential Clean-up Chair Tony Coons reported on their activities.  
Storefront spruce up: put a curtain with art work or other displays in the empty storefronts.
  - Laura and Rosalie will investigate which windows could benefit and who owns.Landscaping  
Laura shared a presentation showing possible enhancements. Suggestion to plant an evergreen that could be used as the "Mayor's Christmas tree"
  - Sharon Dear and Dorothy Lucas will contact James Bryant, Presiding Commissioner, to inquire about interest in landscaping.
  - Ellen to contact Master Gardeners re: recommendations.Increase foot traffic  
Farmer's Markets  
Decorating contests  
Seasonal displays (pumpkins and corn in gazebo)  
Murals  
Bike Trail development  
Will take 5-10 years if not expedited. Ameren vacates end of 2017. Mayor Silvey is in touch with other communities who have "fast-tracked" development.  
Lodging  
Opportunity for increased lodging space.  
Parking
  - Sharon Dear and Dorothy Lucas will contact James Bryant, Presiding Commissioner, to inquire about having county employees park in parking lot vs. around the square.
- Re-paint parking stripes.
  - Ellen to contact Charles Hibdon – Sharon Dear has contact info.Put something in paper about our activities to inform community and generate excitement. Mike has met with most business owners. All seemed receptive. Idea to just go down Newton, not singling anyone out. Idea about doing a before and after profile of each business. Where can we get labor? 3MT – Dorothy Lucas. Once we get our 503c ...put something in paper that we are looking for contractors. Community Service? Food for Morgan County – potential to give time. Rev. Chad Quarter and Rev. John Wagner are contacts.

Update per Chuck Pryor: Court ordered public service hours can only be served working in public areas, individuals ordered by the court are not allowed to work on private property. Chuck Pryor told the group of the possibility of having a cell tower as tall as the water tower built on Versailles Street. Future discussion at City Council meeting (first Tuesday of each month). Update per Chuck Pryor: Latest update is that city will get \$600/year for it.

Next meeting:

March 13 @ 6:00 p.m. at Sugar Mama's  
(second Monday of the month)

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