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.