

**MINUTES OF THE HEARTLAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
December 5, 2013**

Present: Councilor/Chairperson Will Brown, Councilor Karen Sernecky, Grace Fix, Sue-Anne Hennessey, Rob Spencer, Lee Penner, Jacqui Newton

Call to Order: Councilor/Chairperson Will Brown called the meeting to order at 12pm

1. **Additions/Agenda Approval**

Grace Fix Motioned that the agenda is approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

2. **Confirmation of November 7, 2013 HBC Meeting Minutes**

Grace Fix would like to point out that the Environmental Action Group was not planning to purchase the cigarette receptacles without approval first from the Town of Stettler in regards to placement of them on Main Street.

Karen Sernecky Motioned that the Minutes from the November 7, 2013 Heartland Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. **Business Arising**

None

4. **Statement of Revenues & Expenses**

Councilor Will Brown stated that the budget which was presented to council needs to be further itemized in regards to memberships.

Motioned by Grace Fix that the Statement of Revenue and Expenses be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

5. **Downtown Park:**

A presentation was made by Lee Penner regarding different options for the downtown park. Option #1 was presented without using the side parking spaces and Option #2 included using the side parking.

Will Brown proposed that option #2 with the expanded park be presented to council as the preferred choice.

6. **Environmental Action:**

Grace Fix presented different options for curbside pickup and cost. Rob suggested that the actual cost be stated but Grace pointed out there was a slight discount due to a credit from not having the community compost bins. It was her thought that the savings from that is passed on to the residents.

The community compost bins are charged on resident's taxes and not on their monthly utility bill so they will not know about the credit from that and they will not be lowering their taxes because the community bins are no longer there.

Other discussion was whether the Town should offer bins to purchase or if residents should find their own. Any plastic bin will work and so it was decided that residents could supply their own, as cost allows, and the Town could provide stickers for labeling. Bins could be offered for sale at a later date if necessary.

Grace also noted that the Town would need to have a certified compost person on staff and Lee Penner stated that he would become certified.

Curbside composting proposal along with an appropriate survey to residents will be presented to council in January, aiming for survey results by February with council's approval and curbside pickup rolling by May 1.

Grace Motioned that we choose year round curb side pickup which included weekly pickup in the summer and bi-weekly in the winter.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

7. **Communities in Bloom**

Discussion on Judge's comments has been tabled until January 2, 2014 to allow for everyone to review and come up with suggestions.

8. **New Business**

Environmental Action has partnered up with the schools to post signs regarding anti-idling around school property.

Grace Motioned to purchase 4 signs to place along school grounds at a cost of \$220 as well as to purchase 250 stickers for \$450.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

9. Next Meeting: January 2, 2014

10. Meeting Adjourned at 1:02pm