

MINUTES OF THE HEARTLAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
September 6, 2012

Present: Councillor Peter Simons, Councillor Steven Wildeboer, GIS Coordinator/Technician Graham Scott, Chairperson Rob Spencer, Gerry Little, Secretary Danielle Kennedy, Will Brown, Marilyn Crowshuman, Grace Fix and Sue Anne Hennessey.

Call to Order: Chairperson Rob Spencer called the meeting to order at 12:06pm.

1. **Additions/Agenda Approval**

Moved by Chairperson Rob Spencer to approve the agenda as presented with the following addition:

A. Bike rack placement

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

2. **Confirmation of the July 5, 2012 HBC Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Chairperson Rob Spencer that the Minutes of the July 5, 2012 Heartland Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as presented with one spelling correction.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. **Business Arising**

Grace Fix asked the committee if the signs stating the Town of Stettler 2012 communities in bloom championship were placed on the Town trucks in time for the Communities in bloom judges. Chairperson Rob Spencer replied back stating that yes they were on the trucks and they look great.

4. **Statement of Revenues & Expenses**

The Statement of Revenues and Expenses was presented. Moved by Chairperson Rob Spencer that the Statement of Revenue and Expenses be approved as presented with the \$700.00 under Community Gardens for Community Garden Signs be moved under the Banners and signs column.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

5. 2012 Projects

a. Banners

Chairperson Rob Spencer stated that the committee should get a cost from Director of Parks and Leisure Lee Penner for taking down and putting up the banners on main street and also an update on the progress of the Downtown Merchant associates banners.

b. Community Gardens

Chairperson Rob Spencer stated that he feels the Community Gardens went over really well and the gardens are almost completely harvested. Chairperson Rob Spencer also said he was thinking of having a meeting with this years gardeners to talk about what they learned and thought about the Community Gardens. Chairperson Rob Spencer spoke of possibly putting a limit on the Community Gardens to one large garden plot per family so that more people have the chance to enjoy the Community Gardens. Councilor Steven Wildeboer stated that we should budget money in our 2013 budget to build another Community Gardens so that we can satisfy the demand for garden space. Chairperson Rob Spencer stated that the Community Gardens will be coming to a close in mid October.

c. Communities in Bloom

Chairperson Rob Spencer stated that the Judges visit was wonderful and they seemed impressed with our profile binder of the Town of Stettler. Rob Spencer also suggested that from now on the supper with the judges should be held at the Stettler recreation facilities instead of the gazebo regardless of what the weather is like. Councilor Steven Wildeboer stated that we should have each department that is going to speak with the judges next year to gather some pictures of the topics they will be speaking about to show on the projector so everyone has a better visual. Chairperson Rob Spencer stated that the Communities in Bloom awards and Symposium are being held on October 10 – 13, 2012 in Edmonton, Alberta. Director of parks and Leisure will be attending this function. Councilor Steven Wildeboer said that the Beautification committee should have 2 to 3 more people attend this function with Director of Parks and Leisure Lee Penner.

d. Environmental Action Sub-committee

Grace Fix stated that the bottle and can baskets are going well and are being emptied very regularly. Grace Fix spoke to Russell Mckay about putting up a couple of bottle and can baskets in the High School parking lot. Grace Fix asked the committee to issue a receipt for the TD grant. Grace Fix said that the Green Tips are going very well and have a good advertising range. The fruit

and vegetable rescue had some exchanges but not a lot although Grace Fix said for the rescues first year she thinks it was successful. Grace also stated that there is roughly \$1000 left in the environmental sub-committee budget for the walking signs. Gerry Little suggested the committee put up a "take it or leave it" shed that the Community could use to put items that are in good condition still in that someone else might want instead of just taking these kind of items to the Landfill. Grace Fix agreed.

e. Heritage Conservation Sub-committee

Will Brown said that there is going to be a Heritage Conservation meeting on Monday September 10, 2012 at the Museum. Will Brown stated the Heritage sub-committee are working on updating the Historical Downtown walking tour pamphlet.

f. Increase Awareness of Committee/Projects & Encouraging Youth Participation

Grace Fix stated she has reached out to the high school to join the Environmental sub-committee. Chairperson Rob Spencer said he will be also talking to the school to help out with the Community Gardens.

g. Garden Contest

Tabled for next meeting.

h. Website Town Pages HBC & Sub-Committees

Tabled for next meeting.

i. Off Season Projects

Tabled for next meeting.

j. Current Projects

Tabled for next meeting.

7.Additions

A. Bike rack placement

Grace Fix gave the committee copies of where the bike racks will be placed in the Town of Stettler.

8. **Next Meeting:** October 4, 2012

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chairperson Rob Spencer at 1:04 p.m.