

**MINUTES OF THE HEARTLAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
September 8, 2014**

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

Call to Order: Chairperson Will Brown called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm

1. **Additions/Agenda Approval**

Moved by Grace that the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

2. **Confirmation of July 3, 2014 HBC Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Chairperson Rob Spencer that the Minutes from the July 3, 2014 Heartland Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. **Business Arising**

None

4. **Statement of Revenues & Expenses**

Statement of Revenue and Expenses was not given at the time of meeting due to staff holidays at the Town Office.

5. **2014 Projects**

- a. Banners & Signage: Town will be purchasing a lift in the near future and so changing the seasons of the banners will be done in a more timely fashion. Also the remaining banners can be put up.
- b. Communities in Bloom Judges Tour: Weather was horrible but the tour went well. The judges had a lot of questions during the tour. There were a lot of questions presented to Lee during their drive back to Edmonton as well. Lee felt the Judges were very thorough and did a good job.
- c. Environmental Action Sub Committee: August was declared "Walk and Roll" month. There were over 50 businesses in town that were registered. Grace asked if there was any feedback on the signs that stated how far to walk or bike to locations around town. The committee received positive feedback and Grace is looking for suggestions for more locations.
- d. Community Gardens: Rob installed new signs that state that the Gardens are privately owned to try to deter people from helping themselves to other people's gardens. The grant application is in for community orchard and 3rd community garden space. The grant is for \$16,800 and Rob will find out in October if funding is granted. Community Garden committee would prefer the UFA corner by the railway tracks on the east end as a 3rd garden spot due to high visibility. This land is owned by Alberta Prairie and permission would have to be obtained from them. They will be placing a 2x10 pressure treated boarder along the bottom of the fence
- e. Request for New Bench at Home Building Centre Plaza: It was requested by Home Building Centre that a new bench and garbage can be provided by the committee for the plaza at the end of Main Street. Lee noted that the previous ones were purchased by the business owners in the plaza and that replacement of such should be dealt with in the same manner as the sidewalk in front of the building is not Town property. Grace will provide Home Building Centre with a catalogue and pricing for them to purchase the same as the rest of downtown. Lee agreed that the installation of the bench and garbage can could be provided by the Town staff.
- f. Yard and Garden Contest: Of the 8 yards selected by the committee members, first, second and third place will be chosen by selecting top three. Each member has until Sept 10th to select their choices for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Rob will select the winner for the garden space. He will also do a paper write up. Commercial suggestions were Memories for Eternity, County of Stettler, and Prairie Junction. Of the 3, Prairie Junction was chosen as first place and

Memories for Eternity for second place.

- g. Seed Exchange: The final event for Stettler Blooms will be the Seed Exchange to be held at the P&H parking lot on the last Saturday of September from 10am-12pm. Grace would like to include the fruit and vegetable exchange in conjunction with the seed exchange. It was noted that it should be advertised as a separate event so there is no confusion between the two. Rob would like to promote through facebook and the Town of Stettler website.

6. **Correspondence**

A request has been brought to the Beautification Committee to build a wading pool like in Drumheller due to the crowds at the spray park on warm days. Lee pointed out that the spray park was decided on due to having to empty a wading pool daily in the evenings which can be costly. Also he pointed out that Stettler's typical temperature in the summer months is 3-4 degrees cooler than in Drumheller. He also pointed out that this wasn't really a decision for the HBC and that the spray park was built by fundraising group and the Rotary Club. If people want a wading pool they should form a fundraising committee to do so.

7. **Next Meeting**

October 2, 2014

8. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:58pm