

A. INTRODUCTIONS Those present were Brian Dehnert, Ruth MacDonald, Laurie Leingang, Micaela Ranisate, Rena Mehlhoff, Building Official Jordan Singer, City Engineer Jarek Wigness, Public Works Director Shane O'Keefe, Heidi Hamelton, Allen Wilson, Communications Specialist Kari Schmidt, Grounds Maintenance Superintendent Jason Herman, and Commissioner Craig Sjoberg.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *June 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes.* MacDonald moved and Ranisate seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll Call vote: Aye 8, Nay 0, (Absent Mudder, Neubauer, Cermak, Decker; Dehnert & Wilson were not present at the time of the vote). The motion passed.

C. STATUS REPORTS

1. *Committee openings coming up at the end of this year:.*

a.

1. *Rena Mehlhoff*

2. *Laurie Leingang*

3. *Micaela Ranisate*

. Since the committee will not be meeting in October, Schmidt wanted to let those with expiring terms (Mehlhoff, Leingang & Ranisate) know that they can reapply come October. The committee openings will be advertised the month of October with the applications being welcomed until Oct. 31 or the positions are filled. The committee will make a decision on who to recommend for appointment at its Dec. meeting.

2. *Art Alley Project.* Schmidt shared that artists have begun working on their murals. There is one already completed, and a couple of others have been started. There will be an opportunity on Aug. 21 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Morton Mandan Public Library for the public to help paint the community mural that will be featured in the Art Alley.

3. *Water Tower Update from sub-committee.* Mehlhoff reported that this is still a work in progress. The sub-committee may meet in September to check in on the duties that were assigned at the last meeting.

4. *Boulevard Trees Care/Responsibility Communication Request.* Schmidt reported that while her agenda documentation that was created at the end of July stated that there was a communications plan in place on boulevard tree care/responsibility, since then there have been some new things come up and staff has decided to hold off on the communications piece. Staff will share an update at a later date.

O'Keefe gave an update on the tree inventory project going on right now. This project will allow staff to know the tree population, what types of trees we need more of, and what boulevard trees are diseased. Grounds Maintenance applies for two, \$10,000 grants annually and these grants have a history of being awarded to applicants with completed tree inventories, therefore City staff feels its important to get the tree inventory complete to aid in our annual grant applications.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

1. *Beautification Recognition Program Nominations: .* Staff reviewed the nominations they

submitted since the last meeting. All of these will go on for public voting, should they all meet the requirements and permission from the property owner be obtained. Schmidt will work on property owner permission and once she's obtained that will take it out to a public vote. The committee agreed to have 3 voting categories based on the submissions: Commercial, Seasonal, Landscape maintenance/enhancement. There will be one winner from each category as a result of the public voting period. The committee would like for those who don't win, to still be able to be nominated again. Schmidt hopes to be able to take this to public vote in September and recognize in October.

- a. 210 3rd Ave NW.
- b. 210 8th Ave NE.
- c. 120 6th Ave SE.
- d. 606 14th Ave NE. Note: This address doesn't exist. It is actually 606 15th St NE
- e. 601 1st St NE.
- f. 4009 Bayshore Bend SE.
- g. 4012 Edgewater Place SE.
- h. 803 3rd St SE.
- i. 1121 E Main St.
- j. 2214 34th St SE .
- k. 211 5th Ave NW.
- l. 204 6th Ave NW.

E. NOTE OF THANKS

1. *Is there anyone you'd like to provide a note of thanks to?* There was no one mentioned to send a note of thanks to at this meeting.

Dehnert shared that Bobcat is seeking a volunteer project for September and challenged the committee to look around for potential projects (be it City, School, Parks, other non-profits). Bobcat does volunteer projects in June & September each year and likes to be able to use their equipment in the project.

F. FUTURE MEETINGS

1.
 - ~~Oct. 9, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. - Cancelled~~
 - Dec. 11, 2025 at 7:30 a.m.
 - Feb. 12, 2025 at 7:30 a.m.

G. ADJOURN There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.