

A. INTRODUCTIONS Those present were Brian Dehnert, Ruth MacDonald, Layn Mudder, Micaela Ranisate, Laurie Leingang, Jim Neubauer, Jordan Singer, Madison Cermak, Jarek Wigness, Allan Decker, Shane O'Keefe, Allen Wilson, Jason Herman and Chris Miller. Also in attendance were Sarah Johnston and Ben Kappel.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *August 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes.* Leingang moved and Ranisate seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

C. STATUS REPORTS

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

2. *1. Rena Mehlhoff*

2. *Laurie Leingang*

3. *Micaela Ranisate.* Dehnert moved and Cermak seconded to recommend reappointing Micaela Ranisate and appointing Ben Kappel and Sarah Johnston to three year terms ending Dec. 31, 2028. The motion passed unanimously.

3. *Water Reservoir Status - Jarek.* Neubauer reminded the committee that we are looking at doing public art on the new water reservoir. The demo of the old water reservoir should begin in January.

4. *Hanging Flower Baskets - Jason H.* Herman shared that the flowers have been ordered from Baldwin Nursery. The flowers will be red, white and blue for the 250th Celebration. Crews will work to get them the first week of June.

5. *Dykshoorn Park Plantings, Pergolas - Jason H.* Herman reported that the pergolas need staining. He ordered flowers from Baldwin Nursery for more perennials to stop foot traffic. Looking to have it done and ready to go ahead of Buggies N Blues. They will keep the mulch.

6. *250 Celebration for Summer 2026 - Jim N.* Neubauer shared that staff and elected officials have a checklist of items that need spruced up ahead of July and the 250 Celebration. Mandan will be competing with Medora since the opening of the Presidential Library will be happening over the 4th of July. In the middle of June, crews will be fixing curbs. The fire hydrants have already been painted.

7. *Mandan Art Alley.* Neubauer shared that there are 13 murals complete and more to come this summer. It would be nice to get the alley's used more.

D. OTHER BUSINESS The city of Seymour, Indiana reached out to Kari on Litter Day. They saw what we did and wanted more info on how it works.

The committee would like for the agenda to include submissions for each meeting for the Beautification Recognition program.

E. NOTE OF THANKS

1. *Is there anyone you would like to provide a note of thanks to?.* The committee would like to send a note of thanks to Laurie Leingang and Rena Melhoff for their time on the committee.

F. FUTURE MEETINGS

*Feb. 12, 2026 at 7:30 a.m.*

*April 9, 2026 at 7:30 a.m.*

*June 11, 2026 at 7:30 a.m.*

*Aug. 13, 2026 at 7:30 a.m.*

*Oct. 8, 2026 at 7:30 a.m.*

*Dec. 10, 2026 at 7:30 a.m.*. MacDonald moved and Dehnert seconded to approve the future meeting dates for 2026 for the Community Beautification Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

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