

A. INTRODUCTIONS Those present were Brian Dehnert, Ruth MacDonald, Layn Mudder, Micaela Ranisate, City Administrator Jim Neubauer, Building Official Jordan Singer, Code Enforcement Officer Allan Decker, Public Works Director Shane O'Keefe, Heidi Hamelton, Allen Wilson, Sarah Johnston, Ben Kappel, Commissioner Craig Sjoberg, Grounds Maintenance Superintendent Jason Herman, Communications Specialist Kari Schmidt and Administrative Assistant Ashlee Newman.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *Dec. 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes.* Dehnert moved and Ranisate seconded to approve. Roll Call vote: Aye 12, Nay 0 None, Absent Business Development & Communications Director Cermak, City Engineer Wigness. The motion passed.

C. STATUS REPORTS

1. *Committee Reorganization - selection of Chair and Vice Chair.* Kappel moved and MacDonald seconded to appoint Mudder as Chair. Roll Call vote: Aye 12, Nay 0 None, (Absent Business Development & Communications Director Cermak, City Engineer Wigness). The motion passed. City Administrator Neubauer moved and Kappel seconded to appoint Ranisate as Vice Chair. Roll Call vote: Aye 12, Nay 0 None, Absent (Absent Business Development & Communications Director Cermak, City Engineer Wigness). The motion passed.

2. *Project Updates.* Neubauer mentioned that they are looking at an east end of Memorial Highway welcome feature using salvaged stone from the existing railroad bridge.

Herman reported Baldwin Nursery is going to come spruce up plantings in Dykshoorn Park before Buggies N Blues, weather permitting, but for sure before Art in the Park. He also mentioned this is the City of Mandan's 50th year as a Tree City USA and to celebrate, we will plant two new trees in Dykshoorn Park. As part of the Arbor Day celebration, Lakewood Elementary students will help plant them.

O'Keefe mentioned that tree trimmers have been in Mandan since November, which helps with snow removal.

3. *Beautification Recognition Program Nominations.* There were some nominations received since the last meeting, staff will bring them to the April meeting. Schmidt reminded the committee that the Beautification Recognition program changed last year and nominations are received and reviewed throughout the year by the committee, however a public voting and winner/recognition will only take place once a year.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

1. *Litter Clean Up Month.* Schmidt shared Community Litter Clean Up Month is in May. She will need volunteers from the committee to help get door prizes from the public this year.

O'Keefe told the committee that April 20-25 is Spring Clean Up Week.

When asked about the Styrofoam from the former Mandan High School demolition site, O'Keefe shared that Public Works has been in communication with MPS administration and the contractor about cleaning up the area. Public Works has sent a street sweeper out to clean up the area too. A fence was placed to

prevent blowing and they plan to wet the material down.

Neubauer shared staff is preparing for the upcoming America's 250th Celebration over the 4th of July this summer. Clean up, flowers, and more are already being addressed and taken care of.

E. NOTE OF THANKS

1. *Is there anyone you would like to send a note of thanks to?* . Schmidt shared that she sent a note of thanks to Rena Melhoff and Laurie Leingang. Leingang served on the committee consecutively since 2013. Schmidt said that staff will recognize her at an upcoming City Commission meeting and give her a certificate for her service.

F. FUTURE MEETINGS

1. *Apr. 9, 2026 at 7:30 a.m*  
*Jun. 11, 2026 at 7:30 a.m.*

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