

- A. INTRODUCTIONS Those present were Brian Dehnert, Ruth MacDonald, Layn Mudder, Micaela Ranisate, Luci Snowden, Jim Neubauer, Jordan Singer, Allan Decker, and Shane O'Keefe. Also in attendance was Grounds Maintenance Superintendent Jason Herman and Commissioner Craig Sjoberg. Neubauer introduced new Public Works Director Shane O'Keefe to the group.
- B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES
1. *Aug. 8, 2024 Minutes*. Snowden moved and Dehnert seconded to approve as presented. Roll Call vote: Aye 8, Nay 0, Absent (Leingang, Solberg, Mehlhoff, Cermak). The motion passed.
- C. BEAUTIFICATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM NOMINATIONS
1. *Dakota Crop Insurance, 122 E Main Street*. The nomination for Dakota Crop Insurance at 122 E Main St was reviewed. Neubauer shared that staff is looking at a sign on the property to make sure it is not in violation. Dehnert moved and MacDonald seconded to forward the nomination on for recognition pending staff looks into the sign to make sure it is in compliance. Roll Call vote: Aye 8, Nay 0, Absent (Leingang, Solberg, Mehlhoff, Cermak and Wigness). The motion passed.
- D. STATUS REPORTS
1. *Committee Openings* . Neubauer shared there are three members with terms expiring Dec. 31, 2024: Dehnert, MacDonald and Solberg. The application is open through Oct. 31 or until the positions are filled at [cityofmandan.com/boardapplication](http://cityofmandan.com/boardapplication).
- E. OTHER BUSINESS
1. *Crying Hill Clean-Up* . Neubauer was approached by a gentleman at Marathon wanting to do something at Crying Hill. The City owns the property with the AN, the MAND is owned by Three Affiliated Tribes. Permission to be on the property and clean it up was received from the chairman of Three Affiliated Tribes. Dehnert and a crew of volunteers from Bobcat were there in September to clear out volunteer/diseased trees and other things in the area. More volunteers will be in the area yet this year to do some minor fixes and paint the letters, with hopes to do more fixes in the next year.
  2. *Cemetery Arch*  
. Herman shared that there was an accident and the arch at the cemetery was damaged. No City employees were involved in the accident. A fix is in process.
  3. *AARP Community Challenge Grant Bike Racks* . Neubauer shared the new bike racks have been installed in the downtown area. Community surveys indicated folks would like to see more bike racks in town and community members were involved in helping determine the locations. These City of Mandan logo'd bike racks were fully funded by an AARP Community Challenge Grant and are intended to encourage a bicycle-friendly community.
  4. *Is there any other business to come before the board?* . Herman asked if we have received funding for Mandan Flowers for 2025. Neubauer will check with Schmidt. The total cost this year was \$6,900 for the soil, planting, and flowers.  
Mudder asked about a trailer court that is being cleaned up. Singer shared that new park owners are making these changes on their own accord. The City is not involved.

Singer also shared that Stromme will have a study along the Third Street Corridor Oct. 28-29. The committee is invited to attend.

Neubauer shared the boat ramp is being pushed into the water tomorrow morning. Next they will be working on the parking lot.

Neubauer encouraged the committee to share any project ideas they have for community beautification. A past project was the park across from the former high school location that was irrigated.

Dehnert suggested a project in the Memorial Bridge area. The Park District does maintain that area, so they would need to be involved in any projects.

F. NOTE OF THANKS

1. *Is there anyone the committee would like to send a note of thanks to?* . There were no notes of thanks mentioned.

G. FUTURE MEETINGS

1. *Dec. 12, 2024 at 7:30 a.m.*

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2. *Feb. 13, 2025 at 7:30 a.m..*

H. ADJOURN There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned.