

- A. INTRODUCTIONS Those present were Brian Dehnert, Laurie Leingang, Layn Mudder, Micaela Ranisate, Luci Snowden, Rena Mehlhoff, Jim Neubauer, Jordan Singer, Madison Cermak, Jarek Wigness, Allan Decker, Shane O'Keefe, Kari Schmidt, Andrew Stromme and Jason Herman.
- B. SELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR Snowden moved and Singer seconded to to appoint Layn Mudder as chair. Roll Call vote: Aye 12, Nay 0, Absent MacDonald & Hamelton. The motion passed. Cermak moved and Leingang seconded to to appoint Rena Mehlhoff as vice chair. Roll Call vote: Aye 12, Nay 0, Absent MacDonald & Hamelton. The motion passed.
- C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES
1. *December 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes*
. Snowden moved and Dehnert seconded to approve. Roll Call vote: Aye 12, Nay 0, Absent MacDonald & Hamelton. The motion passed.
- D. BEAUTIFICATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM NOMINATIONS
1. *Recognized last two properties in January & February, no new nominations received.*
- E. STATUS REPORTS
1. *Christmas Street Light Pole Decorations (street light pole inventory for 6th Ave SE, Main St to 8th Ave SE)* . O'Keefe explained that there are no outlets on the poles along 6th Ave SE to 8th Ave SE. They also looked at Collins Ave and Mandan Ave. Collins poles don't have outlets, but Mandan Ave does. There are 20 poles that would get us from Main St to the interstate on Mandan Ave. The committee would like to see Christmas decorations on the street light poles on Mandan Ave. Public Works will look to see if we have brackets. Staff will share the request with the Mandan Progress Organization.
 2. *Crying Hill Renovation Project* . Neubauer presented a rough draft of the new letters for Crying Hill. Conditions for this project require being respectful of the meaning of Crying Hill to the Three Affiliated Tribes. There haven't been conversations with Three Affiliated Tribes on these concepts yet, because we wanted to take something to them. The letters would be 20 feet tall and lit with LED lights with the ability to change the color. Goal is for this to be able to last for another 40 years. Many would like to see the ND letters bigger than the rest to stand out. The mayor wants to raise private donations to pay for this project. It could potentially include some Visitors Committee funding along with private donations. It would be nice to see an extension of Division Street start off Mandan Ave and go to a 10-15 car parking lot, the cost to do this has not been included in the project cost just yet. For just the sign and lighting it's about \$1.2 million. There are still a lot of steps to go through.
 3. *Zoning Rewrite Study Update*. Stromme presented an update. The landscaping requirements in the rewrite really haven't changed since the last update, however drafts of the new ordinances are available at cityofmandan.com/zoningstudy. He asked the committee to review section 101 chapter 13 which is the landscape rewrite ordinance, as he will be coming back to the committee in April to ask for a letter of support.
- Stromme also shared an project update on the downtown art alley project. We have secured \$40,000 in funding for the project to start this summer. It would include about 6 murals along the 200 W Main St block. The area does have good property owner support.
4. *Water Reservoir Sub Committee Update*

. The sub committee has not yet met. Mehlhoff has done some research and will follow up with some communities on projects she found about. Painting of the tanks will be one of the last steps, but it would be good to give direction on how we would like to go as soon as possible. Dehnert would like to be added to the subcommittee.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

1. *Spring Clean Up Week is April 21-26.* This is the public works week where big items are collected curbside on your regular collection day during the week.

2. *Clean Up Month is May.* Amy Schmidt is no longer able to help collect door prizes for the event. Staff is seeking volunteers to collect door prizes for the volunteers. Leingang and Mudder will help collect prizes. Kari Schmidt will get a list of past prizes to the committee to see what has been collected in the past.

Ranisate asked if there are other ways to provide more recognition for beautification elements around the City. Staff can ramp up social media posts on the program and separate out commercial and residential. When calling out specific businesses, it may be more appropriate to have that content on Made in Mandan social media, just so it doesn't look like the City is favoring businesses. Neubauer shared that the four new community-focused police officers may be a way to recognize beautification of properties.

Herman shared the boulevard tree planting program is being revamped and information will be released soon.

Mudder asked about a mobile house that burned down on 10th Street SE. Singer will make sure this one is on his list. With trailers, if it's a rented lot it's really tricky to get the City or anyone else to move the trailer out.

G. NOTE OF THANKS

1. *Is there anyone you'd like to send a note of thanks to?.*

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

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- *April 10, 2025 at 7:30 a.m.*
- *June 12, 2025 at 7:30 a.m.*

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