

- A. INTRODUCTIONS Those present were Brian Dehnert, Ruth MacDonald, Laurie Leingang, Layn Mudder, Micaela Ranisate, Luci Snowden, Rena Mehlhoff, Jim Neubauer, Jordan Singer, Madison Cermak, Shane O'Keefe, Kari Schmidt, Jason Herman, Commissioner Craig Sjoberg, and Allen Wilson.
- B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES
1. *Consider approval of the April 10, 2025 meeting minutes.*
- C. STATUS REPORTS
1. *Spring Clean Up Week Recap.* Public Works Director O'Keefe provided the stats from Spring Clean-Up Week.
 2. *Community Clean-Up Month Update.* Schmidt provided an update. There were over 200 volunteers and all routes plus some additional areas were cleaned up. Door prizes will be awarded yet this week.
- Dehnert asked if staff could put together a piece on how to trim trees. Staff will work to get something together. Schmidt reminded the group that they can report tall grass and trees needing trimmed at cityofmandan.com/concern. There are two new code enforcement officers starting June 16.
3. *Consider applications for interest in filling vacant term:.*
 - a. *Allen Wilson.* Allen introduced himself, has the time and would like to give back to the city. He's originally from Idaho and moved to the area about 12 years ago. He works for Knife River and his job brought him out here. He'd like to see more aesthetic improvements along Memorial Highway. MacDonald moved and Leingang seconded to recommend appointing Allen Wilson to fill the vacant term through Dec. 31, 2026. Roll Call vote: Aye 11, Nay 0 None, Absent City Engineer Wigness, Code Enforcement Decker, CBC Member Hamelton. The motion passed.
 - b. *Claire Friedrichsen.* This applicant emailed Schmidt this morning and withdrew her application.
- D. OTHER BUSINESS
1. *Beautification Recognition Program Discussion.* Leingang recapped why the program was started. Mudder shared that the issue has been receiving nominations. O'Keefe suggested adding a competition element to it, where you bring all nominations together at one point in the year to vote for overall winners to award at a certain time in the year. The committee will split up into teams and bring nominations to the Aug. 14 meeting to determine who will be going on for public voting to award in September.
 2. *October meeting cancellation.* Due to staff out on leave in October, we will be cancelling the October 9 meeting.

Dehnert asked about using mulch in the park for landscaping as it appears to need replaced often. Staff looked into using rock, but it was \$70-\$75,000 to do rock. For the most recent Doosan Bobcat volunteer project, Bobcat came to us with volunteers and we knew something needed to be done, so staff chose an option that was reasonable and could be done prior to Buggies-n-Blues. Rocks are ideal, however then you have people picking them up and throwing them or placing them in other spots they don't belong.

E. NOTE OF THANKS

1. *Is there anyone you'd like to provide a note of thanks to?* . The committee would like to send a note of thanks to Doosan Bobcat volunteers.

MacDonald asked about the Art Alley Project. There were great submissions, so the project team is coming to the Visitors Committee today for a \$35,000 request to do more with the project.

The electronic marquee was changed this week and is back up and running.

Mudder asked about Crying Hill. Staff is thinking the design needs to be revisited for scaling purposes.

Mehlhoff said the water tower group is looking into how other cities have handled these type of projects. The project won't be completed until next year, so there's time to get things together yet.

F. FUTURE MEETINGS

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- *Aug. 14, 2025 at 7:30 a.m.*
- *~~Oct. 9, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. - Cancelled~~*
- *Dec. 11, 2025 at 7:30 a.m.*

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