

Sleepy Eye Downtown Revitalization Committee Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2020

Present was Mayor Wayne Pelzel, Deanna Johnson, Tom Larson, Kayla Jacobsen, Kurk Kramer, and Christina Andres. Missing Sara Hornbrook and Gary Windschitl.

Meeting was brought to order by Tom Larson at 11:03.

The pictures we have selected by Rick Borth are no longer available.

We are currently looking and have possibly found a few replacements.

Tom had been in contact with Kathy Haala and she is onboard with the cling idea.

Deanna heard back from Horejsi graphics and due to the size of the images there would need to be two pieces with a seam in the middle. These would also potentially be reusable on windows of the same size. To print and install on 5 windows would be \$2,700.

Tom hadn't heard from Mark Beito as of the meeting. (Sleepy Eye Foundation)

Mayor Wayne was going to talk to Mark also.

Kurk passed out information on the Paint your Town grant.

Christina and Wayne mentioned a picture or painting of Sleepy Eye train that would look really nice on the side of the Bertrand building that the city possibly owns.

There is some discussion about taking down the Krenz Real Estate building and the old restaurant for parking.

Sara has given website info to Joann.

BIC has been sold so our rack card printing request may be harder to get.

Wayne said he didn't think the city would be opposed to helping us with some of our smaller projects if needed.

Christina also mentioned putting out on Facebook looking for other old photos of downtown.

Two of the pictures we had selected are in the Historical society.

The photos that we were thinking of using are with Mr. Berg checking in a guest, the 1908 4th of July photo of the front, a streetscape photo with the Higher Hotel, and maybe a photo of just the front.

Bob and Dell Berg may have given a lot of the old photos to Bret Probe. Tom will check with him.

The bottom of the pictures will have a tag line about "Sleepy Eye Experience the History" or something similar and we could do an info graphic on the smaller window about where the photos came from.

Wayne was at a Lights in Motion meeting and they were very open to helping us with the lights in Veterans park. They would like to see red, white and blue. Christina also mentioned possibly doing Woldrick Park with the chief statue. Christina also is going to talk with SouthPoint about possibly helping on their community day. Also talking to KNUJ and trying to get the speaker system working and playing holiday music during the day during the holidays.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55.