

Nine Mile Community Center
Board of Directors Meeting
July 9, 2014

Board Members Present: Carolyn Demin, Morris Eisert, Karen Murphy, Jason Spaid, Sharon Sweeney,

Board Members Absent: Craig Belanger, Matt Potter, Bob Brugh, Elizabeth Oleson, Shirley Weaver.

President Sharon Sweeney called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Sharon asked if there were any additions to the agenda. One addition was suggested—to discuss the 2015 Wedding Fair.

MINUTES: Because we did not have a quorum present, we did not approve the meeting minutes for June 11, 2014. Postponed until next Board meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Carolyn Demin read her Treasurer's Report. The \$60 donation from the Mushroom Seminar (Sweeney's could not attend, as planned) was moved over to the "window fund." (Jason Spaid moved, Karen Murphy seconded—but without a quorum present, we could not approve the Treasurer's Report).

OLD BUSINESS:

Event Schedule

Swartz-Golding Wedding – Some garbage was left in the parking area on the Albans' property. The Board discussed that this was totally unacceptable, and Carolyn & Karen offered to check the grounds on Sunday, following our next wedding. We discussed having volunteers check after each wedding; and we should add something into our contract to ensure the grounds are left clean (not *mostly* clean).

Sharon expressed some concern about not really knowing which weddings were fully paid; and which still owed money. The table that Bob put together is very helpful to show when the CC is rented, which buildings, and for which dates—but doesn't show when each of the fees have been paid. Carolyn said she was keeping track, and everyone was fully paid to date.

Landscaping--A thank you to Jason for spraying 2 weeks ago. The knapweed appears stunted and yellow, which we think means it has succumbed to the Milestone. We will seed in October, preferably after a light snowfall, and right before another snowfall. Jason offered to run his harrow around in the fall, to provide a better seedbed. Sharon will contact the Weed Board to see if we can submit our receipts for seed and herbicide now (they had originally suggested we submit our billing in the fall). If they say yes, we will submit receipts, and request a refund, in accordance with the Grant we received.

A second fat Albert spruce tree was purchased (from Earth and Wood). Bob picked it up, and he and Pat Sweeney planted it. A work party gathered on Sunday, June 22 at 3:00 pm to spread chips and pull up the barb wire on the north property boundary. Jason Spaid did spray weeds the Wednesday after.

Morris presented a shrub plan, and bid from Earth & Wood. The plan called for planting 35 Siberian Pea Shrubs all along the roadside of NMCC (to provide a block for dust, noise, and some screening). The bid also included installation of drip irrigation to each plant. Total cost \$2,605.33. There was agreement that this area should be our first priority for planting, and after discussion we asked Morris to get back to Earth & Wood to revise the bid to plant half the number of shrubs, spaced across the top of the cutbank along the road. There was also discussion to include some Chokecherry in these plantings. Most felt it would be good to go with the Pea Shrub for now, and intersperse some Chokecherry next spring (perhaps purchase at Lawyers).

Windows Project – We received a \$3,000 grant from the Montana History Foundation for storm windows. With the quote from Montana Glass cited a cost of \$535 for the large windows (and \$495 for the bathroom windows) **and** \$87.50/window for installation, we can almost cover six large windows. The storm windows will not open, but Montana Glass has a special "swing arm" hardware that allows the storm to swing open a short distance to allow some air in (when the interior window is opened). This extra hardware is \$5.00. With installation, and "swing arm hardware" the total cost for each storm window is \$627.50—total \$3765 for 6 large windows. This means we would need to raise an additional \$765 (above the grant) from our "Adopt A Window campaign. Everyone present felt this was within reason (5 people). So the windows can be ordered, it was agreed that we

would use existing cash to supplement the additional \$765 necessary. Because we didn't have a quorum present this request for expenditure of funds will be sent out to the entire Board. No action will be taken until we receive 6 "yes" votes. Now that the summer weather has settled in, we still need to check if any—or all of our windows can be opened after last fall's paint job. Additional grant opportunities need to be pursued to fund the rest of the storm windows. The curtain campaign has raised \$830, which is enough to go shopping.

Craft Fair – Carolyn will send out the letter to the Vendors soon. There was some discussion on what to use for stationary ("Christmas/Holiday paper" or a wintery photo taken in the Nine Mile), and several thought it would be nice to look into using the wintery photo examples as note pads. What would it cost to make these? As it was overly crowded downstairs at last years Craft Fair, we thought it best to slightly reduce the number of tables (downstairs). Prices are going up everywhere, and we felt it would be fine to raise the table price by \$5.00—thus this year each table will be \$30. We will continue to look for vendors who can occupy the pavillion space (such as live tree or wreath sales). Sharon suggested it would be best to have a committee working together to organize our Craft Fair, and help Carolyn, since this is a big project, especially for one person—could be Board members and a community member. Carolyn asked Karen if she could help, and she said she would try, but this is a very busy time of year for her job duties.

ACTION ITEMS Update:

- **Price screening shrubs to be planted above the County Road** - Morris Eisert reported that he had received a bid from the landscape consultant. The bid was for planting 35 Caragana (Siberia Pea Shrub) along the Nine Mile road side of our property; installing a drip irrigation system to each one; and applying compost and chip mulch on each shrub. A discussion ensued about using this shrub (versus a native shrub), and this seemed like a large number of shrubs. Altho we didn't have a quorum, we agreed that the Caragana would be an acceptable species to plant, perhaps interspersed with some Chokecherry as openings allow—but only plant ½ **the number** of Caragana. We need a vote from a quorum of the Board.
- **Convene website committee** – Karen Murphy, Sharon Sweeney, and Bobbe Almer will get together next Monday, 7/14/14. Sharon will ask Margo Mitchell (helped the NineMile Wildlife Workgroup get their new website together) if she would be available to join/help them.
- **Assemble binder with pertinent building maintenance information** – No report. From last month, Bob Brugh met with a Pete's electrician. All the live breakers are named. Unnamed double toggles were formerly used for the old baseboard heaters which were removed several years ago. Bob will provide a schematic and suggested new labels are desirable on the breaker boxes. Bob also reported Garden City Plumbing will provide a winterization plan.
- **Explore small engine repair workshop** - Jason Spaid indicated Michael Steffenson (Missoula College instructor) is willing to participate. It was agreed October 4 would be a good date (UM Football away game). Jason said he would speak with Michael to confirm the date.
- **Plan Centennial** – Postponed to next Board meeting due to lack of a quorum. Sharon noted it would be good to have a sub-committee for to take this on.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Soliciting Candidates for September Election**—Carolyn mentioned that she thought Glen Babcock would run again. Jason said he would run again. Craigs term also expires this year—we need to double check with him to see if he's interesting in running for the Board again.
- b. **Convene rental agreement review committee** – Currently, Betty, Morris and Sharon are on this committee. Carolyn said she would also like to be on the committee. Due to schedule conflicts it will be difficult to get committee members together during September and October. That leaves possibly a date in August, possibly a couple of available dates in September, or November. We will try to set a date after Betty returns. Sharon said she had been developing a list over the last few months of possible changes for the committee to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Set next meeting date – August 13, 2014

Adjournment at 8:05 pm.