

**FRIENDS OF THE DOWNTOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 5TH 2006**

Minutes: A motion was made by Roz and seconded by Enid to accept the minutes.
Treasurer's report: \$2000 was received from Exel (\$1500 reserved for the Heritage Garden and \$500 for events) A motion was made by Liz to accept the treasurer's report..seconded by Sue. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Decorating: Sue Thiede: A thank you to Jane Paul for the corn stalks and Gayle Thums for the pumpkins for the fall decorating.

Sue also reported there are several extra hanging baskets that will be used for Christmas decorating on Main Street. Help is needed to arrange the baskets. We will be meeting at Woodland Marketing on Monday, Nov. 6th at 4:00. Bring any bows, boughs, winterberry and dogwood or anything suitable for the baskets. We will then continue on to the Cookie Jar and decorating down town.

Historical Committee: Paul Krueger hopes to have his building (bar) open by Harvest Days.

December Events: Sleigh rides/wagon rides Saturday, December 9th in the Park. Electricity is being installed on the River Walk and park decorating will begin. The stairway is ready for use next to Better Buy. FODT and the city contributed to this project.

Membership: Liz will do a brochure on our organization with a list of fees. Different amounts were suggested for sustaining members , yearly membership etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

Heritage Garden: Jeff reported the garden is ready to be planted. The date is set for Tuesday, October 10th, 5:00. Any donated plants will be appreciated and especially if they have a story behind them.

Survey: Arlen is working on this project and will be going over the collected surveys and filling in the gaps.

Community Cultural Series: The fall event went well with an abundance of pumpkins, vegetables and other activities. Several people attended and everyone enjoyed the evening. We continue to discuss the Farmer's Market and the possibility of the downtown area. Mid week could be more productive than a weekend for sales or perhaps having two markets. The D.O.T. will be contacted with suggestions for better crossing at Hwy 64 & Main and a "Yield to Pedistrians" sign.

Karen reported on "Women's Night Out". There will be free child care offered at the Library. Main Street will be closed Thurs, Fri., and Saturday from 64 to State Street. Help is need at the Library for the child care. If you can help, call Karen.

Jeff discussed the led lights. We voted to spend \$600 on the lights. Jeff will order them and they will be installed in the mediums on State Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be new owners in Tony's Antique Store (Sara and Natalie) in the old City Hall Building. They will continue to operate an antique store.

The Historical Society will have a Recognition Dinner on October 21st.

Privacy Fence for Dumpsters: Jeff will inquire if the owners would pay for the fence. They may be purchased from the shop in Schroeder's buildings. The owner also stated he is looking for a different location for his business and will be moving soon.

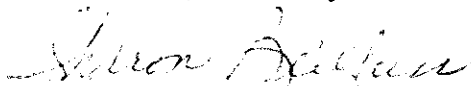
Donna, Dorothy and Roz will be organizing a walking/biking tour for Fall, possibly with a box lunch.

A motion was made to adjourn by Donna and seconded by Liz.

Next meeting, November 2nd 5:00 Library Conference Room

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Beilfuss, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon Beilfuss", is written below the typed name.