

McCall Improvement Committee
Minutes May 12, 2005

Present: Curt Spalding, Bonnie Bertram, Judy Maguire, Terry Avitable, Dave Carter, Jenny Winkeller, Sue Rost, Nancy Estess, Jean Odmark, Karl Augustine, Roger Millar, Carol Coyle

Guest: Don Bailey, Chairman, McCall Planning and Zoning Commission

Curt called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. Introductions were made.

Karl complimented the committees on the good progress and the hard work that has been accomplished to date. He discussed promotional activities that the previous downtown improvement committee had used and suggested the committee develop a logo that will represent the current project. Members suggested, "Doug! He's back!". Terry moved to adopt Doug as the project mascot. Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Business Retention Subcommittee: Dave said that about 60% of the businesses had been surveyed. He discussed options for distributing consumer surveys. He considers June 1st a deadline for getting the surveys out, and then community focus groups will be developed.

Design Committee: In Chuck Griffin's absence, Karl reported on the activities of the Design Committee. The project area has been defined as Jacob Street to Railroad Avenue. The committee has surveyed the area. The next step is to submit a request to the City Council to pass a blight resolution on 5/26/05. The other committees need more members and all present were encouraged to recruit volunteers.

Don Bailey was introduced. He discussed the process the P & Z has gone through over the past two years in reviewing the proposed design guidelines for new development in the City. Other cities were contacted to get their guidelines. Don asked the MIC members to review the proposed guidelines, and to get those comments back to him by May 26th. There will be a public comment period before the guidelines are presented to the Council for adoption. Curt asked that the May 26th MIC agenda include a discussion of the design guidelines.

Bonnie suggested the MIC write a letter of support to the City Council to encourage funding for a code enforcement officer in the McCall Police Department. Dave moved to send such a letter. Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dave volunteered to write the letter.

West Corridor: Nancy said she has been in contact with Dr. Padgitt. Her goal is to secure the easement in June. She would like to have the posts in the ground by end of summer, with completion in 2006.

Bonnie reported that the South Corridor entrance sign will be landscaped by Brock Heasley and the McCall Parks Department. Curt distributed a list of area park needs and brought up the issue of log protection on the entrance sign. Bonnie moved that the MIC should pay for logs caps and sealant. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion passed. Bonnie volunteered to coordinate the work needed for the sign.

Staff report: Roger discussed a Smart Growth Grant application recently submitted to EPA. Carol mentioned that the new nuisance ordinance had been passed by City Council, and that the efforts of the MIC toward improving the ordinance were important to the development of the new ordinance.

The minutes of Feb. 10th and April 28th were reviewed. Terry moved to approve the minutes. Bonnie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Clean Up Day: Judy said that Christy Pedersen has volunteered to chair the event. Judy is looking for a number of volunteers to help. Discussion was held and members volunteered for various duties.

Terry moved to adjourn the meeting. Bonnie seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 pm.

Submitted by:

Carol Coyle

Curt Spalding, Co-Chair

Judy Drake, Co-Chair