Connect Communities

Minutes

June 18, 2019

6 PM

**ATTENDANCE**: Heather Christensen, Niki Russo-Harris, Lynn Bolt, Joel Burbach, Brent Meyer, Keri Solis, Barb Jordan, Lisa Lutz, Steve Starke, Venise Mugler

Discussion on suggesting a color palette, possibly someone using photo shop to actually show how your buildings could look with a few minor changes. Niki will ask Chad if he can do something like this. The committee is looking for each business to stand out individually.

Once Steve has the letters done to all building owners we will go through and see exactly who would like to participate so we can have a more accurate count on the paint that is needed once it becomes available. There was question on a couple buildings where a ladder will not work to paint the top portion of their building and they are ready to start. We are unsure if the city has any kind of scaffolding that they could let the residents participating use, or if not maybe the city could rent something for a week to help the residents out. There was a lot of discussion on different things that can be done to help beautify the city, but was decided to go in the direction of fresh, clean look with step 1 being paint!

Discussion on bringing more business to Montello, such as small brewery, winery or hard cider, (cidery).

We have 14 businesses interested in taking part of a wine walk in Montello, and hoping more with changing the name. Discussion that business owners would like it to be a little different, instead of just a wine walk. They would like to hold an event on October 5th, 2019 from 6 to 10 PM. The event would be called “Montello after dark” (food, beer, wine, entertainment and surprises). Each business owner will decide what they would like to do. There will be limited tickets available for this event. (To decide how many and what to charge, possibly $20.00 or $25.00 per ticket). Each business is responsible to make sure their participants are of legal drinking age if they are offering beer or wine. I will talk to Jim to see if there are any permits needed for this type of event. Will also bring it to Safety in July to make sure this will be okay and ask if an added officer or two can help patrol the event.

Discussion on future events, such as a venison cook off, competition and judging. There would be a fee to enter this competition with cash prizes. Joel brought up that Marquette County has the highest amount of deer population and that this is a problem. He went on to explain that this is a way to “eat our problem”! More discussion will follow at a later date.

Meeting ended: 7:20 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 6 PM

Minutes by Venise Mugler