

## **Civic Association Meeting Minutes**

### **June 23<sup>rd</sup> , 2025**

2025 Board Members Present:

President-Rick Hancock

Vice President-April Baumgartner

Treasurer- Mary Bielenberg

Secretary-Doreen Hancock

Attendees: Earl Bennett, Carol Bennett, Cheryl Munde, Linda Schellenger, Gayle Anderson, Abigail Seipert, Kristi Brown, Greg Whiting, Lorie Whiting, Jeremy Remacle, Tony Kuphaldt, & Verna Studer.

Verna, Greg, and Lorie paid their dues.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by President Rick Hancock.

Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions

Approval of May minutes. Earl motion/Kristi 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Treasurer's Report-Mary Bielenberg: Accepted

New Business:

Mary requested Yard Sale Coordinator for 2025-Kristi Brown will Coordinate. Lorie, Abby, & Rick will assist. Maps will be handed out at PNW. There will be a form and a \$10 fee to be placed on the map. A bulk mailing, social media, and Newspaper will be used as advertisement.

Verna explained that the GCC wanted to work in conjunction with Civic in bringing a creative side to the community. They are focused on the arts & have an Inspire group of 40 members that create items for sale, offered the studio space on Walnut as an advertising area for upcoming Civic events, and offered times for Civic to host the Community Social in the park. Cheryl motioned for July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorie. GCC also had a mural idea for Community Days 2026 for People's Park.

Community 2025 Debrief: Much Discussion in all areas.

Kristi to coordinate again for 2026. Documenting what worked and what didn't work.

Gayle will coordinate craft vendors for 2026. She requests specific parking, ADA access, helpers to load/unload, a way to pay and register online. Craft vendors to move to Memorial Park. She also suggested a human slot machine fund raiser booth. GCC to collaborate on the creation of the booth.

All food vendors should be secured earlier in the planning process. Meeting attendance increased during planning; volunteers should be secured early. Attendance based on the weather, if it is good, people will come and enjoy

Friday Night BBQ/Reunion was a big success. Many community members showed up and were able to visit with those celebrating the reunions. 300+ hamburgers served. Suggest quantities be increased for 2026.

General parking concerns: no handicap, no drop off area. consider shuttle or blocking off space to park closer to events.

Parade/Floats: Parade line up/communication needs improvement. Suggest entire parade goes once and any reunions or floats may circle for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time if they choose. Abby offered to coordinate the parade for 2026. Request for potties to be located on the far end of the parade route and change up location of the potties that were rented from Hahn.

All the food vendors did well. All the local vendors were sold out. Food vendors left early, not much left to choose from for dinnertime. Suggest using local groups to provide meals on Saturday or/and have some food vendors come later or plan for later. Some suggestions were provided to improve Civic pizza sales in the future.

The Car Show was good—one of the biggest (66 cars in attendance)

Quilt Show & Auction: Best year yet. The auction went well & more \$ was made than previous years. In addition, the Katcha Quilt Museum was also busy throughout the day.

Live Band: Attendance picked up after dinner hour. Suggestions of different locations, specific seating or a stage. Liked by many.

Community Baseball, Cornhole Tournament, yard games in the park, kids' games, and dunk tank were all a success. Suggest selling tickets for dunk tank as planned and designating volunteers for safety to monitor in many areas.

Additional Suggestions: Consider providing 2 meals for the community on Saturday. Reminders of groups that have assisted with meals in the past. Suspend afternoon events for the slow portion of the day and focus more on the morning, mid-day and evening events leading up to fireworks. Music in the park throughout the day draws people to the area. Have clean-up crew as needed (i.e. horse poop in food truck area), list names of winners for each event in a designated area. T-shirt sale to be revisited.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM