

WCDC Meeting Minutes, March 31, 2025

Transcribed by Suellen Harral

Meeting started at 6:35 PM

Members:

Present: David Laufer, Mike Killgore, Arlene Winn, Suellen Harral, Chuck Price, Vicky Mast, and Cassandra Studer, Darla Joy

Absent: Norvin Landrum

Meeting Minutes from February 24, 2025 were read and approved.

Financial report presented by Arlene Winn:

Balance of the WCDC Line Item: \$362.50

WCDC bank ledger provided by Sierra with combined Heritage Wall funds and the budget line item: \$2,591.67.

Old Business

Fish Tank Project for the City of Weston Library:

- Due to the cost of the hanging flower baskets and other projects that we have in the works, we will not be able to donate to the fish tank project as was originally discussed. Heather is continuing to work on a grant request for the funding of the fish tank project.

WCDC Member Limit:

- Norvil has decided that due to personal reasons, he will not be able to participate in the WCDC in official capacity, but he is still welcome to come to the meetings.

Heritage Wall:

- Old plaques that have fallen off of the wall due to weather and any new plaques that are ready for placement will be done so as weather permits.
- New orders for plaques have been given a deadline of April 7th as it may take approximately two months to receive the order so they may not arrive prior to the Pioneer Picnic. A call will be made to see if there is a chance they can be available in time.
- Paint pens for use with the stencils have been acquired by Mike Killgore.
- The rose stencil for marking bricks that are spoken for on the wall has been completed by Amy Killgore.
- Applications for plaques are now under the city website cityofweston.org, under Applications, ***Heritage Wall***.

- Announcement for the reader board has been proof read and forwarded to Sierra so hopefully that will be completed soon.

Welcome Sites:

- Discussed acquiring bags of concrete for the flagpole and/or the wagon supports at the North welcome site.
- Cassandra offered to check on some left-over bags of concrete she had in storage, if they are still good then she will donate them to the project.
- Contacted Corey Thacker and confirmed the delivery of the gravel for the welcome site which is still dependent on the weather and when it is dry enough.
- A new light for the flagpole at the North welcome site will be viewed after the meeting is adjourned this evening.
- Scott Carlson from Public Works has changed out the flood light at the South welcome site. He replaced it with two smaller floodlights at ground level that shine up directly onto the banner making the lighting effect much more pleasing and also shines on the wagon as well. This takes care of the light pollution problem for motorists along Bannister Road and the residents southeast of the wagon site.
- The new lights may need to have some sort of weather protection in their new location, i.e. from snow during the winter. Examples of protection included artificial landscaping boulders that are open on one side, to cover the lights that are there or possibly lights that are already in the boulders. Mike K. is going to continue to research this idea.
- The support and tie-down for the freight wagon is, again, a project for the warmer weather because the plan is to set four posts in concrete that will support the wagon axles, just high enough off the ground that it still gives the appearance of the wheels touching. Wind has pushed the wagon making it hard on the old wheels. Scott Carlson has agreed that WCDC can move ahead without his assistance, when the plans are complete.
- Dave discussed possibly planting something like lavender at the North welcome site with Scott who agreed it would be a nice idea and staked out some spots for the plants. These plants could be watered during the same time the hanging planters are watered. Mike K. and Dave L. have volunteered to donate the funds for the lavender plants.
- Motion was made and passed for Dave and Mike to acquire Fourth of July Decorations for the welcome sites.
- Dave contacted Bernice about when to change out the banner with the Pioneer Picnic banner at the South welcome site. Bernice likes the way the banner is and offered to find a different place to hang the banner this year.

Yard of the Month

- Chuck Price will continue to be in charge of the Yard of the Month.

Christmas Downtown Community Event

- Discussed having a winter event at the Heritage Wall.
- Christmas tree with possible lighting on city approval.

- Further discussion tabled for later date.

Advertisement of the Facebook page ***Celebrating Our Community***:

- Use of social media and reader board platforms were discussed.
 - o The following paragraph was sent to Sierra with a request to add it to the WCDC portion of the cityofweston.org.
 - *“Check out some of our recent community beautification activities on Facebook.”* The word Facebook is a link that takes the user to Celebrating Our Community Facebook page by using the URL.
 - o Also discussed contacting Trish Neal with WADA and let her know what the link to the Facebook page is so she can use it on her WADA page if she would like to.

Mainstreet Flower Baskets and Rose Garden:

- Mulch is being picked up by Preston Wynn. The mulch at the rose garden will be freshened up within the next couple of weeks. Just let us know what days are planned to work at the Rose Garden and those that can come will make arrangements to do so.
- Planters, etc. have arrived per Arlene. A plastic water tank is being acquired by Scott; it will have a pump and a wand.
- Greg Phillips has offered the use of his four-wheeler to Dave to help with the daily watering.

Flags on Water Street and Main Street

- Flags should be put out during Fourth of July, President’s Day, Memorial Day, Veteran’s Day and Flag Day.
- First attempt to see if anyone could volunteer resulted in zero volunteers.
- Request for volunteers will still be requested on the Facebook page Celebrating Our Community.

Helping out WADA with Getting Grant Funds:

- Dave drafted a letter that shows support for the work that WADA is doing; showing that the community is behind them in their attempt to get a grant awarded to help save the older structures in town.

Reads as follows: “To whom it may concern: As a member of Weston Community, I enthusiastically support the restoration of the buildings in the Weston Historic and Commercial District, the historic Sailing House, and elsewhere in the Weston area. The community would be grateful and good stewards of any and all grant funds available to support the restoration of our beautiful historic Eastern Oregon town. “

- Each individual’s name, address, phone, and email would get forwarded to WADA’s email address.
- Dave will send an officially composed letter to Arlene and she will forward it to Sierra for addition to the WCDC portion of the website.

The Mural on Main Street:

- A mural project has been in the works and Cecil is all for it. We would have to get approval to use WCDC funds.
- The wall would need to be sandblasted and then find an artist.
- Ideas for the mural are in the works.
 - Perhaps replicating graphics from the late 1800s and early 1900s.
 - Perhaps a contest with the school kids for ideas.
 - Some kind of contest where the idea is submitted and selected by a panel.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Next meeting: April 28, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Weston Community Church, Fellowship Room.