

ODEBOLT BETTERMENT COMMITTEE **Formerly the Odebolt Visioning Committee**

Tuesday, February 17th
Odebolt City Hall @ 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Howard Hustedt called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Madeline Meyer, Kerry & Deb Reinhart, Mary Jean Thompson, Jim Scott, Jack Bensley, Curt Wareham, Phyllis Franken and Joan Godbersen.

Kerry talked about his visit with Scott Peterson from Lake View about signs & prices.

Joan read the letter from Trees Forever congratulating the City on being one of 27 communities receiving funding. The Odebolt grant will go for landscaping for the new ODEBOLT signs. They asked for clarification on the breakdown of labor from Mike's Lawn Service and suggested a little more diversity in the color of flowers. After speaking with Barb Grabner-Kerns @ Trees Forever it was concluded that no changes could be made at this time. But if donations came in later and the Committee wanted to add more varieties it would be perfectly acceptable.

It was noted that the contract etc. for the Iowa's Living Roadways Grant may not be available to act on until spring of 2009.

Howard & Madeline will talk to Bill Wallace about plans for the sign east of town. (By a previous conversation, Joan had already agreed to send a copy of the sketch)

When talking on the proposed new trees at the dump site, Jim stated that the fence was unattractive and should possibly be replaced. There was discussion on the burn pile and the durability of the trees. Jack Bensley stated that just today the Supervisors – Landfill Commission - received rules and regulations on burn miles. He later presented a copy and further copies were made for the group. (These are not new rules.) Lundell Plastics and Fertig's building were mentioned. Both of these buildings were built with the current burn pile already in existence at the exact location and the rules include the possibility of waivers.

Howard stated that if the burn pile was moved, perhaps the fence could be moved back 20 feet and the trees planted in front of it. It was suggested that perhaps a white fence could be installed. No conclusion was reached as to the kind of material it would take to be durable, maintenance free and inexpensive.

Suggestion for trees....1.) plant bare root deciduous trees or maybe 2.) red twig dogwoods as they would look good against a white fence or 3.) white snow crabapple with no fruit. No conclusion could be arrived at as heat and soil are major factors.

Howard agreed to attend the March 2nd Council meeting to discuss the possibility of moving the fence and even the burn pile. Howard stated that Vance Lundell would be cooperative on the trees and fence and maybe Schulte would also help. Howard will speak to both.

Kerry likes evergreen to fill in faster and stay green all year.

Kerry can get hold of a post hole digger to plant trees by the dump.

Maybe going with crab & dogwood along the dump...red dogwood grow to 10 feet tall. These can be purchased through Madeline from the Sac SWCD @ 25 barestock for \$25.00.

Notes by Deb & Joan