HIGHLAND MAIN STREET

Thursday, June 4th, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Highland Main Street met in person at the Lincoln center on Thursday June 4th , 2026. The Meeting was called to order by Vice President Sandy McKnight at 6:26pm .

Roll Call :Sandy Ray, Sandy McKnight, Desi Farmer- Deuter, Diane Roumbos , Jim Roumbos and Al Simmons were all present. Ben Tomera and Alex Robertson were excused .

Approval of the Minutes : May 7th 2026- Desi Farmer-Deuter made a motion to approve seconded by Al Simmons. All in Favor 6-0

Big Crawl – Bands & Sound

August Schedule : Little Giant 4:30–6:30 PM, Big City 7:00–9:00 PM; Dave Parker to manage sound 4:00–9:00 PM.

September Schedule: Nomad Planets 4:30pm- 6:30pm and I'm with Frank 7:00–9:00 PM; Dave Parker again covering sound 4:00–9:00 PM.

Placement: band stage planned in front of the fire station (not directly against the doors) so all attendees and businesses can see the performance.

Vendor Line up:

There are **12 vendors** signed up so far; Kendra will keep soliciting more and send applications to interested parties. Vendors normally take **10x10** spaces and will pull in along the street near the fire station; they will enter at 4th Street.

Proposed layout refinement to avoid blocking retail: place most vendors on the **south side** of the street (starting at Growlers and down toward the Relish Gourmet Hot Dog) with picnic tables on the opposite side; this keeps storefronts visible and creates a clear pedestrian corridor.

Setup timing: street is closed by **2:00 PM**; vendors can start lining up around **3:00 PM** and begin unloading.

Enforcement/flow: volunteers will be needed on site to assign zones (B1, B2 etc.), ensure vendors unload then move cars and prevent long-term parking in vendor spots.

Potential Sponsors – Bring forward at the next meeting

Sidewalk Sale – We now have 15 businesses signed up and Main Street and Kendra will keep advertising till the event .

Marketing - Highland High School – Kendra emailed Ryan Harrington again about a banner for Highland Athletics — design work to be produced and returned for approval.

8436 Kennedy Ave – Maria spoke about the Legacy Foundation grant up to **$1,000,000** (via Lilly); Redevelopment worked with two designers to propose a **community space** concept for the lot. The budget & local match: town has already allocated **$48,000** to acquire the parcel and **$62,000** for demolition (total **$110,000** already invested). Redevelopment Commission indicated potential additional **$100,000** contribution depending on final costs.

Proposed program elements: flexible community plaza / walking path, permeable paving, modern stone picnic tables with solar panels/phone charging stations, low-maintenance surfacing (no grass),potential intermittent access for **1–2 food trucks**, and porta-potty provision for events (no permanent bathrooms due to vandalism history).

Timeline: grant application must be submitted by Sunday June 7th; selection is competitive with results expected by mid-July. Redevelopment has submitted support letters and will monitor outcome.

New Business : Downtown Art : Tabled till next meeting when Ben can discuss what he found out with the Art Council

Adjournment: meeting ended at 6:59^{pm} motion made by Al Simmons and seconded by Sandy Ray . All in Favor 5-0