

Prairie City Hometown Pride Committee Minutes

Prairie City City Hall

March 28, 2016

The meeting of the Prairie City Hometown Pride Committee was called to order by Chairman Tony Ladehoff at 6 p.m.

Present: Tony Ladehoff, Joan Van Gorp, Dianne Taylor, Sue Ponder, Kirsten Emmack, City Administrator Manny Toribio, Mayor Chad Alleger, City Council Representative Lyle Burkett, Jasper County Hometown Pride Community Coach Jeff Davidson.

There were two corrections to the February 22, 2016 minutes. Joan Van Gorp moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Sue Ponder seconded. Passed.

Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities Application

The Jasper County Hometown Pride application was not selected. However, we will continue to work with ISU and University of Iowa on individual projects.

Senior Program Concept for Prairie City

Mary Baker talked with the City of Des Moines and City of Ankeny. The park boards in both cities oversee senior programming. Mary had mentioned doing a community survey, but none of the committee members have seen a survey. Dianne Taylor agreed to touch base with Mary about the survey and her business plan.

Monroe-Prairie City – Mitchellville Trail Development

Jeff Davidson had shared by email the initial information from the University of Iowa students regarding the location of a new trailhead in Prairie City. Eight comments from the Prairie City Hometown Pride Committee were forwarded to the students.

Jeff will contact the students about scheduling their final concept presentation to the committee and the community.

Manny reported that Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation is still working on acquisition of the railroad right of way. Prairie City will eventually use money from the REAP grant to purchase the land within Prairie City.

Prairie City Storm Water Management Evaluation

The U of I students working on the storm water project have come to Prairie City two or three times to collect data for the project. Jeff will work with the students to schedule their final presentation.

Prairie Meadows Grant Application

A grant application to help fund a new ambulance was written by the Hometown Pride Committee. We applied for \$24,000. There's been no word yet on the grant.

Build with Bags

Hometown Pride will be submitting a grant application for picnic tables at the old Christian Reformed School for use by the public.

Jasper Community Foundation Grant

Each county in Iowa receives around \$91,000 casino money to use for grants. Most Jasper County Foundation grants are in the \$2500-\$4500 range. The applications are due by April 15. The committee discussed ideas for the grant.

Community Coach Report

- PCM Student Emily Hugen was awarded a \$1000 scholarship from Keep Iowa Beautiful.
- May 21 is the Pedal the Prairie event at the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge.
- April 9 is the one-year anniversary of the Hometown Pride program in Jasper County.
- The Jasper County Hometown Pride Steering Committee met on March 23. The Steering Committee renewed Jeff's contract. The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be September 21, 2016. Mingo will be joining Jasper County Hometown Pride which will lower the assessments for the other towns. The Steering Committee applied for a \$5000 grant from the Jasper Community Foundation to help defray costs.
- Jeff shared information about an eastside Des Moines a grain bin lighting project that was halted. The group discussed the possibility of putting some lights on the Heartland Coop grain bins.

Joan Van Gorp moved the meeting be adjourned. Sue Ponder seconded. Passed

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Recording Secretary