

Prairie City Hometown Pride Committee Minutes
Prairie City City Hall
May 23, 2016

The meeting of the Prairie City Hometown Pride committee was called to order by Chairman Tony Ladehoff at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Tony Ladehoff, Linda Frazier, Joan Van Gorp, Dianne Taylor, Mayor Chad Alleger, City Administrator Manny Toribio, City Council Representative Lyle Burkett and Hometown Pride Community Coach Jeff Davidson. Sue Ponder arrived at 6:12 p.m.

Joan moved and Dianne seconded that the April 25 minutes be approved. Passed.

Summer Schedule

The group decided to determine the summer schedule for meetings at the June 27 meeting.

University of Iowa Student Presentations

Jeff provided an overview of the May 5th University of Iowa student presentations. The Stormwater project has some elements that can be done. Manny has a copy of the presentation.

The Trail group is still working on their final report.

The Monroe Hometown Pride Committee will be presenting information about the trail to community groups. Monroe would like the Monroe to Prairie City trail to be a priority.

Jeff and Manny met with Andrea Bolton, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation about the grant for acquiring the land for the trail. The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation is completing the trail acquisition. There have been some challenges from adjacent farmers. There is a specific grant that may be available for projects that gives public access to federal land. The grants are in the \$200,000 – 300,000 range.

Update on Senior Recreation Program

Dianne is working with Mary Baker to finalize a community survey regarding the Senior Recreation Program.

Grant Status

Prairie Meadows' tax exempt status has been challenged. This may have an impact on future grant activity. No word on our grant request for assistance with ambulance.

There is no word on the Jasper County Foundation applications for speaker system for Garden Park and support for Hometown Pride program.

Community Coach Information/Committee Information/Other Business

Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge Pedal the Prairie Event

Joan reported that Pedal the Prairie event was successful. Brianna Patrick, NSNWR, reported that 780 people visited the visitor center and over 800 people participated in the bike ride. It was a family-friendly event.

All participants received a small goodie bag with information on NSNWR, a “flower bomb,” coupon from Goldie’s, and information from the Prairie City Business Association about things to do that day on Garden Square. A copy of the PCBA flyer is attached to these minutes.

Lyle Burkett expressed his concern that event attendees were not directed to park at Garden Square. Lyle felt that directing people to park at the Prairie City Methodist Church and the Prairie City Recreational Complex created a less desirable parking situation for the participants.

Iowa State Fair

There will be a Jasper County Hometown Pride Day at the Keep Iowa Beautiful booth. Jeff will let the group know the date when he receives it.

Housing Study

Jeff and members of the Monroe Hometown Pride Committee will be meeting with a representative from the University of Iowa Tippie School of Business about a housing study.

Jasper County Hometown Pride

Mingo and Kellogg are considering joining the Jasper County Hometown Pride Group.

NSNWR

Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge will host a People for Pollinators work session on June 2 from 5 – 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Recording Secretary



**Prairie City
Business
Association**

www.PCBAIowa.com

THINGS TO DO TODAY!

At Garden Square:

Farmers Market 8:30 -11:30

Big Oven Bake Shop

- Homemade Cookies

Sipma Farms

- in-season produce
- natural chaffing cream

Historical Society - open

Lion's Veterans Memorial

- North side of square

Mud Pies & Sassafras Tea

- West side of square
- Antiques

Plant Sale

- East side of square

Prairie City Foods

- North side of square
- Groceries

Stampede Restaurant

- North side of square
- Bean Bag Tournament

Wilkie's Garage opens 9am

- North side of square
- Bloody Mary Specials

On W 2nd Street:

Goldies Ice Cream Shoppe

- 11:00 am - 8:30 pm
- Ice Cream and Restaurant

Roberts Bros True Value

- Free cotton candy
- Pictures with 'Bob'