

Prairie City Hometown Pride Committee
Prairie City City Hall
Minutes
September 25, 2017

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

Present: Tony Ladehoff, Linda Frazier, Dianne Taylor, Sue Ponder, Chad Alleger, Lyle Burkett, Joe Bartello, Jasper County Hometown Pride community coach Jeff Davidson.

Sue moved to approve the July 24 meeting minutes with a correction showing that door openers were installed instead of doors. Chad second. Passed.

Regional Rail Trail Development

Prairie City sent the check to purchase the land, but unsure if we have received the deed for the land. The grant needs to be closed out.

There were seven proposals from design firms and Snyder and Associates was chosen. The Jasper County Conservation Board is negotiating with Snyder. The schedule is:

- Design to be completed over the winter.
- Approval by City Council
- Property owners will have an opportunity to speak to the project
- Jasper County Conservation Board will approve the specifications.
- The construction is a 60-90 day job and should be complete in 2018. The project will be from the edge of the trail head in Monroe to the blacktop that leads to the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge.

The Jasper County Conservation Board approved the trail name: Red Rock Prairie Trail.

New Business

Pella Regional Hospital is considering building a new medical clinic in Prairie City. Jeff and Joe will meet with TIF representatives about financing.

The Park Board has looked at items to be repaired at the Bandstand. Sue shared that a contractor and an electrical contractor have come and looked at the Bandstand. She will get pricing from them. The Bandstand was dedicated in 1931 and Sue is looking for a picture of the Bandstand around that time.

Some of the trees in the park need to be replaced. Utility companies have a tree program that we might be able to use. Joe will check on a Trees Please grant that was received in March 2016. The funds have not been used.

Old Business

Heartland Coop Mural

Linda checked and the woman who painted the murals in Colfax has moved out of state.

Zach Jones has painted some murals in Oakland, a town in southwest Iowa. Oakland received a \$10,000 grant from the Iowa Arts Council to pay for the mural. Linda emailed Zach, but has not heard back from him.

Hallie Siepman is painting the murals in Newton and may be an option.

Fire/EMS Bulding Project

Lori had put together some financing options. The project is not a priority right now.

Downtown WiFi

No report

Farmers Market

October 12 is the last market for this year. The vendors are talking about coming back next year. Kirsten wants to grow the committee. Kirsten would like to have signage along the highway, but there are several regulations that make this difficult.

Question: Can we project a sign on the Coop?

Grant Status

- Prairie Meadows grant has been closed out.
- REAP grant has not been closed out. In progress.
- Prairie Meadows grant for police threat detection equipment: equipment purchased but not installed.
- Prairie Meadows grant for library accessibility: openers are installed and grant has been closed out.
- Prairie Meadows grant cycle will open in November. Jeff noted that they like projects for youth, improvement projects and public safety.
- Other grant opportunities: Keep Iowa Beautiful and Jasper Community Foundation

Community Coach Information/Other Business

- The League of Cities Fall Conference will be September 27-29 in Davenport. Jeff will be presenting.
- September 30 is a volunteer service day in State Parks. Rock Creek is looking for 35 volunteers. They will be making fishing line disposal tubes and picking up litter. Contact number to volunteer: 641.236.3722.
- There were 1000 participants in the Pedalers Jamboree. Mingo made around \$5000 selling stuff to the riders.
- Mingo and Kellogg are the newest members of Jasper County Hometown Pride. Warren County was added in August.
- We will be halfway through the five-year contract with Keep Iowa Beautiful at the end of September.
- The Library Board and citizens were part of a planning meeting September 5. The meeting was facilitated by Mary Ann Mori. The discussion was not just focused on the Library. The final report has not been received.

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