

Prairie City Hometown Pride Meeting Minutes

6-25-18

Meeting called to order by Tony Ladehoff at 6:05 pm.

Present: Jeff Davidson, Tony Ladehoff, Sue Ponder, Chad Alleger, Joan Van Gorp, Linda Frazier, Kirsten Weiland.

Minutes of May meeting were reviewed. Motion by Chad, second by Sue to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Committee will not meet in July but will tentatively set August 27th as the next meeting date.

A grant through State Recreation Trails will be submitted for \$250,000 by the end of June.

Reap grant applications for \$75,000 must be submitted by both Prairie City and Monroe by 8-15-18. Jeff needs someone from Prairie City to officially submit this grant. Sue will work with Jeff on this grant application. Jeff will check to see if it will require an authorizing resolution from the City.

The Federal Recreation Trails grant application deadline is 10-1-18.

Jeff shared drawings of Monroe's plan for a trailhead building. The estimate for the building, modelled after the old depot, is \$270,000. Monroe has applied for grants for the parking area.

Mitchellville continues to work on plans to connect the Red Rock Prairie Trail with a trail going through Mitchellville that will link with the Des Moines Metro trail system, including the Chichaqua Valley Trail. Jeff also shared graphic of the Central Iowa trail map with the Red Rock Prairie Trail included on the map.

Sue is awaiting word from the county grant and Prairie Meadows grant programs re: the bandstand repairs.

Old Business:

Linda has learned from Cindy Kane that the City has \$5000 available for upkeep of the mural. Jeff has spoken with the University of Iowa people that helped fund and provide artist for Newton. They will be looking to see if there is any artist in our area interested in this project. Linda will continue to explore funding options and muralists.

Chad reported that Joe will be talking with DCI group about Senior housing possibilities. Max Kuening has spoken with some of the Plate family. They are open to considering selling land they own south of the Methodist Church.

Kirsten reported that PCBA recently printed information cards that include the local businesses names and a map of the city. Sue reported that the PCBA will be involving the EDC and the City in discussions about an electric sign. She will have an update at the next meeting.

Kirsten shared that the Farmer's Market is heading into its 5th week. Average number of vendors per market has been 14 and numbers of visitors are up from past years. A wide variety of activities have been scheduled to coincide with market hours.

The library expansion project is progressing as the architects have shared several possible ideas with the library board. Sue Ponder shared the latest plans. The architects will be back soon with updated and more detailed plans and they plan to attend Prairie Days to show their plans and meet community members.

Jeff reported that he has no new information about a possible light display on the grain elevators.

Joe is looking into options for the city's phone and wi fi service, and will give update at a later meeting.

Council will be discussing the development of a few more lots within the city limits, pending approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

EDC report: Max Kuening has met with someone about the former laundromat building. There has also been some interest in the Robert's Bros business that is for sale.

No update on the community survey. We will get an update from Joe at the next meeting.

A title opinion is needed from the city attorney before the REAP grant can close out.

Jeff reminded the committee that volunteers are needed at the State Fair booth of Keep Iowa Beautiful Information is online.

He also reported that he has been contacted by Wellmark about Healthy Hometown Powered by Wellmark programs. He will keep us updated on this.

Aug. 24, 25 and 26 is the Pedaler's Jamboree.

Over 400 people attended this year's Pedal the Prairie event and the Concert on the Prairie had its best attendance and best profit .

Hometown Pride presence at Prairie Days was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm

Notes by Linda Frazier