

Prairie City Hometown Pride Committee Minutes  
August 27, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chairman Tony Ladehoff.

Present: Tony Ladehoff, Joan Van Gorp, Linda Frazier, Sue Ponder, Dianne Taylor, Joe Bartello, Chad Alleger and Hometown Pride Community Coach Jeff Davidson.

Chad moved that the June 25 minutes be approved. Sue seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Red Rock Prairie Trail Development

We currently have \$1.2 million and will need \$2.1 million for the project.

Jeff helped Keri Van Zante submit a State Recreation Trails grant application for \$250,000. REAP grant applications were submitted for Prairie City and for Monroe for \$75,000 each. The Federal Recreation Trails grant is due October 1. Jeff is working with Keri on applying for a \$600,000 grant. The grant is administered by the Iowa DOT.

The trail will start in Prairie City and Monroe and meet in the middle. If we are lacking funds, the middle part will be chip sealed.

Rich from Snyder will have design by spring and hope to begin bidding at that time.

Mitchellville is still working to get grants to connect to the Des Moines metro trail system. We will start our "friends" group when we know the funding for the project is in place.

Garden Square Bandstand Rehab

The City Council agreed to spend \$7000 toward the project. Darrin Pendroy, DP Construction is getting ready to shingle the building.

We received a \$5000 Community Betterment grant from Prairie Meadows. Applied for \$10,000.

We applied for and received a \$3350 grant from the Jasper County Foundation.

Old Business

Co-op Mural: Linda shared information on the murals and brought us up-to-date on her progress so far contacting various artists. Christy Lindsey made Linda aware of another mural she recently saw on Ingersoll.

Senior/LMI Housing: Two companies have been looking at co-op housing. There is no time to do it this year. DCI Group said that they need a 60% commitment to come in and do a project similar to what they have in Pella.

Housing: Jeff shared information on some housing in Maquokata. Jackson County donated the property for the houses. \$160,000 – 170,000 range. Target 80% of median income and below. Pocket neighborhood.

PCBA: No report

Electronic Sign: There was presentation to some of the PCBA and EDC members.

Farmers' Market: Kirsten wasn't at the meeting, but others reported on the positive vibe and success of this year's market.

Library Expansion: Sue reported that they met with the architect and got plans last week. There will be a meeting September 24 at the Community Building at 7 p.m. Want input from the community on the project. Jeff mentioned considering a cultural levy for the library project.

Grain elevator light project: No update.

Downtown WIFI: No update

Status of opening up more residential subdivision ground: Interest, but no disclosure.

EDC: Have narrowed a couple of properties to purchase, one on the square and one off the square (old gas station).

Community Survey: MSA Professional will help us put together a survey. Remove this item from future agendas.

#### Grant Status

2016 REAP grant in the amount of \$75,000 has been closed out.

2018 TAP grant was awarded to Jasper County Conservation in the amount of \$240,000.

Prairie City has a \$20,000 match for the grant.

2018 Prairie Meadows grant for Garden Square Park Bandstand was \$5000.

2018 Jasper Community Foundation grant received in the amount of \$3350 for Garden Square Park Bandstand.

Christy Lindsey got a grant for paint for the Community Building from Paint Iowa Beautiful.

2018 REAP grant application submitted for the trail (\$75,000).

Keri Van Zante and Jeff are working on a 2018 Federal Rec Trails grant that is due on October 1.

#### Community Coach Information/Other Business

The Park Board wants to find a grant for field conversion which is a \$17,000 project.

Jeff mentioned a Catalyst grant that is issued by Iowa Economic Development. The grants are \$50,000 – 100,000 and are for external space projects. It might work if the grocery store wanted to add apartments in the upper level.

Monroe Old Settlers received a volunteer grant from the Pella WalMart.

We can solicit money for projects. Checks should be made payable to Keep Iowa Beautiful Prairie City Hometown Pride or put Prairie City Hometown Pride on the memo line so that we can deposit the check locally.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 24 at 6 p.m. at the Community Building because of the Library expansion public meeting which follows.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Dianne Taylor  
Recording Secretary