

Prairie City Hometown Pride Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2019

Members Attending: Joan Van Gorp, Linda Frazier, Tony Ladehoff, Joe Bartello, Mayor Chad Alleger, Sue Ponder, Kirsten Weiland and Community Coach Jeff Davidson

Tony called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Joan made a motion to approve the minutes, Linda seconded, motion carried.

Red Rock Prairie Trail Update – The council narrowed the trail route down to three options. Option 1 goes south around the square to Main St and then back north to Jefferson (behind the bandstand). Option 2 stays on the trail bed through the Coop. Option 3 goes south on Main to 2nd St (highway) then west to S West Street where it goes back north.

Garden Square Park Bandstand project – The electrician will be finishing his work in and the painters will be here before our next meeting.

Old Business –

NSNWR – Over 200 visitors on the first nice Saturday with great sales in the book store.
4/6/2019 – Art Show – an exhibition of wildflower art by Lydia E. Curtis
4/20/2019 – Earth Day – the board will be volunteering for Earth Day at the Botanical Center
4/3/2019 – Volunteer work day at the Refuge
6/7/2019 – Concert on the Prairie – The Host Country Band will be the entertainment The Cellar at White Oak will be the winery.
Pedal the Prairie – June 29th

The repairs to the AV system in the theater are complete.

Murals – No new update.

Senior/LMI housing update – The person in the charge of the Pella group is no longer with the company. Joe will touch base with DCI and see if they are an option.

PCBA –

4/1/2019 Next monthly meeting will be at 11:30 am at the Refuge, 17 memberships paid, Kirsten will be meeting with a representative from the Greater Des Moines Partnership about becoming a chamber. We will be doing business spotlights on social media.

Farmers Market – 5/30-9/26 on Thursday nights from 4:30-6:30 pm. Please consider volunteering. Marketing poster contest coming soon.

Electronic sign – The council passed the purchase and installation of the electronic sign. Joe will be working with the sign company to get the installation scheduled.

Library Expansion – Currently exploring our options including an existing building in town.

Subdivision – the bonding attorney is working with the lawyer for the developer on some language changes in the development agreement. It should be voted on at the next council meeting.

Prairie City EDC – No report

Grants – nothing new to report.

Community Coach Information -

Housing Trust - We are forming a 4 county Housing Trust Fund with Warren, Marion and Boone Counties. Funding will come through the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA). Jeff is working on this project with the Supervisors.

Jasper County Conservation Plan They will be interviewing planning firms on 4/9/2019

JEDCO – The JEDCO board has hired Jeff to work one day per week for JEDCO in absence of an executive director.

Committee Information/Other Business –

Prairie City Youth Board – Joe was at a conference and they shared the idea of a board made up of high school students that could serve on a committee and come up with local projects, do grant writing, etc. Joe will be contacting the high school guidance counselor to talk with her.

Our next meeting will be April 22nd.

Joan made a motion to adjourn. Linda seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.