

Prairie City Hometown Pride Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2019

Present: Tony Ladehoff, Linda Frazier, Mayor Chad Alleger, Sue Ponder, Dianne Taylor and Community Coach Jeff Davidson

Tony called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

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

Red Rock Prairie Trail Update: Rich from Snyder and Associates will be submitting the Red Rock Prairie Trail plans to the Iowa Department of Transportation this fall. If we end up \$100,000 – 200,000 to the good, we can finish the loop around the pond at Monroe or head toward Mitchellville.

Formation of Friends Group: The group will begin to formally meet when the trail building begins.

Connection to Mitchellville and beyond: no report

Garden Square Park Bandstand project – The painting is complete. The globe lights had to be modified. There is a rededication of the Bandstand to be planned. Carl will be refurbishing the plaque.

Old Business

Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge: Events held: art reception had 30 people; meeting with a speaker from Grinnell College (50 attendees); hosted Prairie City Business Association meeting; Earth Day (140 volunteers; 40 at DMACC); Des Moines Botanical Garden event (500-600 people)

Mural: no news. Jeff reported that Mingo and Newton are working on mural projects.

Youth Corps: City Administrator Joe Bartello was unable to attend the meeting. He sent an email with background on some communities that are currently using some kind of youth program within their government. Joe will be reviewing more of these to work towards building a program that would fit well with Prairie City.

Prairie City Business Association: No report

2019 Farmers Market: No report.

Library Expansion – Currently exploring our options including an existing building in town. Waiting for an appraisal of the building at 100 Marshall. Sue reported that a representative from Butler Buildings inspected the roof and reported that there is another 20 years left on the roof of the building.

Status of more residential subdivision ground: No report.

Prairie City Economic Development Corporation: Chad reported that they would be meeting April 25 at noon.

Grant Status

Prairie City was awarded 8 gallons of stain from the 2019 Paint Iowa Beautiful for parks projects. The stain will be used on the entry way park kiosk. We need to check out the signage at the entry way park. It needs work.

Community Coach Information -

Jasper County Housing Trust Fund: Jeff is still working on the formation of a Housing Trust Fund in Jasper County.

Jasper County Comprehensive Plan: Snyder and Associates will be working on this project.

JEDCO update: JEDCO is working on a small grant program. \$5000 maximum with a 25% match.

There will not be a meeting in May. We will determine the summer meeting schedule at the June meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Dianne Taylor
Recording Secretary