

Prairie City Hometown Pride Committee
October 29, 2019
6:00 pm

Attendees: Kirsten Weiland, Sue Ponder, Chad Alleger, Tony Ladehoff and Jeff Davidson

Tony called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Kirsten made a motion to accept the minutes from our September meeting. Sue seconded. Motion passed.

Red Rock Prairie Trail –

Final design, letting and construction status - Jeff attended the state trails conference. He spoke with Rich from Snyder. He said they are wrapping stuff up for the DOT and are on schedule for a spring bid letting. Planning on a summer construction period of 60-90 days. Kerri Van Zante was also there. They were talking the extension to Mitchellville. They will be discussing applying for a TAP Grant and are hoping to apply for another FLAP grant.

Coordination with CO-OP - Jeff asked what the status of the coordination with the CO-OP for the removal of those buildings. Chad messaged Joe. He said he hasn't heard from Rich. Chad will follow-up with him as we discussed the coordination would probably be between Prairie City and the Co-Op.

Friends of the RRPT - We are still in need of a logo for RRPT. Jeff wondered if there were any local graphic designers that might be interested in designing one. The Friends of the RRPT can oversee the development of the logo and promotion of the trail.

Old Business –

Catalyst grant - Chad said Joe told him today that the owners of the Whiskey Barrel will be sending in a proposal. We are expecting one from Scott DeVries for the buildings on the west side of the square, and one from Kelly at the grocery store. The proposals are due to the City Council by 11/7.

The pre-app is due 1/31/2020. If they are sent in early, they will review them ahead of time and give feedback. The final application is due 4/17/2020.

Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge – no report Jeff did share that there was a study done on counties with wildlife refuges that had bison that he will be sharing at the 11/6 Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting in Newton. He will send a copy to anyone interested.

Multi-family Housing – no report

Murals – no report

PCBA – Kirsten reported that there is a ribbon cutting and open house for the remodel of Prairie City Dental at 5:45 pm.

Sponsoring trunk or treat 10/31 from 6-8 pm. EMS supper is from 5-8 that night.

Our next meeting is 8:00 am 11/7/2019 at the Wellness Center. December's is 12/2 at 5:30 pm at VanHaalen's.

The Winter Market and WinterFest is 12/14 from 1-4 pm with the Celebration Commission at the Family Life Center.

Ed Jones has approved putting an office in Prairie City. They are looking for a location.

Kirsten also has a possible new tenant at the Wellness Center.

Library expansion – Sue said that the potential plans are finished. The library board is waiting on the interior demolition of the building to happen before they make a request to the City Council. They want to be able to see what's behind the walls and what condition the floor is in under the false floor. The City has issued an RFP for the work. Sue is working on putting together a list of potential members for a foundation for fundraising.

Residential Subdivision – They are moving dirt. No further update.

EDC – Chad shared that the EDC is back in discussion with Dollar General at the original location. Jeff asked if they could provide the available commercial land/buildings to him for the JEDCO website. What is the status of the land use map? He has received photos from Linda of Prairie City.

Grant status –

TAP grant – PC local match of \$20,000

REAP grant – grant for the trail

Paint Iowa Beautiful – no report on this – stain needs to be used by 12/31/2019

Community Coach information/Committee Information/Other Business -

Housing trust fund – They will not let it be used as an emergency repair fund.

County Comprehensive Steering Committee Meeting is 11/6/2019.

Homes for Iowa (Prison built homes) – Prairie City is not participating at this time.

Future of Hometown Pride - Jasper County is establishing a 501(c)3. Prairie City needs to decide if we want to continue. The vote was unanimous that we do!

Next month we will be meeting on 11/25. No meeting in December.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.