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**Carlisle Hometown Pride
Committee Meeting
February 28, 2018 at 5:30 pm
Carlisle City Hall (195 N 1st Street)**

Attendance: Lorin Ditzler, Ronda Frost, Don Noonan, Emily Nordyke, Paige Moorman, Jeremy Olander, Lisa Olander, Amanda Peacock, Amanda Rhinehart, Tony Rhinehart, John Sinclair;
Guests: Joe Jenkins, Lyn Jenkins, Paula Sampson, Denny Woodruff

Review Purpose of Hometown Pride

Ditzler and Frost reviewed the primary purpose of Carlisle Hometown Pride as a committee-driven community improvement group.

Group Discussion: Projects for 2018

At the previous meeting, the attendees provided a list of ideas for projects that Carlisle Hometown Pride could consider doing. Ditzler posted the list of ideas on the wall, reviewed them with the group, and asked for additions (one item, school safety devices, was added). The committee was asked to select which ideas they would most like to continue discussion on, with each attendee being given 5 stickers to place next to the ideas they selected.

The ideas with the most interest were as follows:

- Beautification in public spaces, like the street right-of-way
- SRNP trail head improvements, with water, bathroom, tables, etc.
- Community Social Events, like a “bike night”
- Park improvements – add playground and other equipment to parks so that they offer the full range of basic park option
- Sand Volleyball and Pickleball Courts

Ditzler clarified that this list is meant to provide the committee with a guide for where to start discussion during this meeting and the next, but should not be considered a definitive project list. The floor remains open for discussion of many ideas.

Park Improvements

After this idea was raised at the previous meeting, Moorman was inspired to take action by drafting a grant proposal for playground equipment, to be submitted to the Warren County Philanthropic Partnership (deadline March 1). Moorman explained the proposal – new playground equipment for South Lindhardt Park and asked if the committee would be willing to put Carlisle Hometown Pride as the official applicant, with the City of Carlisle serving as the fiscal sponsor. The group unanimously approved.

Trailhead

Guests from the Friends of Parks group shared what has been discussed in their group about improvements to the trailhead, including adding a picnic table, lighting on the bridge, a shelter house, signage, a bathroom and a water fountain. John mentioned that People's Bank might have a picnic table that they could donate for the trailhead. The committee is interested in working with the Friends of Parks to figure out a logical first step for trailhead improvements. T Rhinehart, Noonan, Nordyke and Moorman volunteered to be part of a subcommittee to discuss this and will bring ideas back for next month's meeting.

Facebook Page for Community Events

T Rhinehart informed the group that after the discussion at the last meeting about needing a place to share community news and events, he created a Facebook page called "Carlisle Area Events" to serve this purpose.

Social Events

The group discussed the possibility of bringing back a community event similar to the "street dance" that was previously done. There was interest in holding the event on a non-holiday weekend, so as not to compete with other festivities. J Olander, L Olander, T Rhinehart, Nordyke and A Rhinehart volunteered to form a subcommittee to discuss this idea and bring back ideas to the committee for the next meeting.

Frost informed the group that she is looking for volunteers to help with the Parks Department flashlight Easter egg hunt in North Park.

Next meeting

The group will continue its discussion of the above topics and the other "top 5" ideas at the next meeting. In the meantime, committee members are encouraged to start/continue informal conversations about their ideas for the group, and all are welcome to submit discussion items for the next agenda.

The next committee meeting is March 28 at 5:30 pm at City Hall.