



MINUTES

New Virginia Hometown Pride Committee Meeting February 20, 2018 at 7 pm The Hen House

Present: Amanda Allsup, Jennifer Baughman, Lorin Ditzler, Nick Hauge, Karen Huston, Karma Kimzey, Ron Kirkpatrick

Absent: Cindy Miller

Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Baughman moved to approve the January minutes. Kimzey seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Street Signs

Kirkpatrick has been working on a grant application to buy and install street signs for city streets, to be submitted to Warren County Philanthropic Partnership through the City of New Virginia by March 1. There was some question as to whether the City is able to submit multiple grant applications, but Baughman said that she believes it is not a problem and will double check with WCPP. If the City can not submit both applications, there was the suggestion that perhaps we could ask the Legion to be the fiscal sponsor. Kirkpatrick and Baughman will resolve and move forward accordingly.

Kirkpatrick also mentioned that he talked to the Mayor about the possibility of funding street signs through the City, through road tax funds.

Sidewalks and Walking Trail

Baughman informed the group that a sidewalk inventory was done previously in New Virginia with support from the I-Walk Coalition. She shared the inventory maps with the committee. There was discussion about whether we want to try to get new sidewalks built, or focus on

repairing those we have, or a combination of both. The group discussed the possibility of filling in sidewalk gaps in order to create a walking loop through town. The committee would like more information about sidewalk costs, and examples from other communities about how they split cost and maintenance between the City and property owner. Ditzler will provide more information at the next meeting. Baughman will ask for input from City Council on this topic. The group also wondered if they could qualify for safe routes to school funding by creating routes to school bus stops.

The group would like to discuss a possible walking event at the next meeting, or other actions they could take to raise interest and awareness of sidewalk needs.

Update on playground project

The playground committee is submitting a grant to Warren County Philanthropic Partnership. The group agreed to provide an official letter of support for the grant on behalf of New Virginia Hometown Pride. Ditzler will draft and Kirkpatrick and Cindy Miller will sign. The playground committee has raised \$17,000 of a \$100,000 goal.

NEW BUSINESS

The committee discussed if there are other projects they could get started on that would have more immediate results, since the previously discussed projects are all long term.

Flowers

The group discussed the possibility of planting flowers along the downtown area of West Street (from Broadway to the fire station), either hanging flower pots, concrete planters or metal planters. Allsup and Ditzler will research options and the costs and maintenance associated with each.

Community Forum/Social

Kirkpatrick suggested holding a community meet & greet where we invite the leaders of all local organizations to come talk to us about what they are doing, ideas for the town, and how we can all work together for the betterment of New Virginia.

The committee agreed, and decided to open it up to all residents, and call it a “community vision social.” The group also decided to make it an ice cream social. Duties for planning were divided as follows:

- Ice Cream: Baughman
- Description of Event for Tri-Corner and other publicity: Ditzler and Miller
- Invitations to local organizations: All
 - Masons – Huston

- Legion – Kirkpatrick
- Lions – Kirkpatrick
- Scouts – Allsup, Baughman
- Playground committee – done
- 4-H – Kimzey
- Betterment group – Kirkpatrick
- Saddle club – Baughman
- Old Settlers – Baughman
- Fire department – Baughman
- Churches – Kirkpatrick, Kimzey
- Tri-Corner – Baughman
- Garden club – Miller
- Council/Mayor – Baughman, Huston
- School board – Kirkpatrick
- FFA – Hauge
- School (Mrs. Steinlage) - Hauge

The group will discuss the structure of the event (questions to ask, etc.) at the next committee meeting.

Baughman moved to adjourn. Allsup seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next committee meeting is March 20th at 7 pm at the Hen House.