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

Present: Amanda Allsup, Jennifer Baughman, Lorin Ditzler, Karma Kimzey, Ron Kirkpatrick, Cindy Miller

Absent: Nick Hauge, Karen Huston

Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Miller moved to approve the February minutes. Allsup seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Guidelines

Ditzler presented a 1-page handout with basic committee guidelines. Baughman suggested that we officially adopt these as our bylaws. Motion by Baughman, seconded by Miller to adopt the guidelines as the committee bylaws. Motion passed.

Community Vision Social

The group discussed meeting invitations for the April 2nd community vision session/ice cream social. Baughman volunteered to put it on the churches electronic sign. Committee members have made personal invitations to the leaders of local community groups, including the Garden Club, 4-H, the churches, Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts, the Fire Department, Old Settlers committee, the Saddle Club, the Development Group, the School board, City Council/Mayor and the Tri-Corner Express editorial team.

The group discussed the agenda for the evening and decided on the following:

7 pm – Social time

7:15 – Presentation

- Quick intro by Ron; Explain Hometown Pride (Lorin); What is our committee talking about so far? (Amanda); Discussion: What are other groups in town doing? (Amanda & Lorin to lead, all participate); Discussion: What do we want to happen in NV? What are our community goals? (Amanda & Lorin to lead, all participate)

Baughman will bring ice cream/toppings for about 20 people. Ditzler will bring bowls, plates, napkins, spoons. Kimzey will bring brownies. Allsup will bring nametags.

Street Sign Grant Update

Kirkpatrick and Baughman reported that the grant for street signs was submitted to Warren County Philanthropic Partnership, albeit with some last minute confusion about the quotes. The City was the applicant, with endorsement from Hometown Pride.

Sidewalks

Ditzler provided information about the sidewalk policies in New Virginia and our neighboring communities. She also shared information about expected costs for a typical lot in New Virginia, and examples of communities that have programs to share the cost of the sidewalk between the City and property owner.

The group agreed that any effort on the part of Hometown Pride to promote installation and repair of sidewalks should be as a voluntary thing for property owners, ideally paired with an offer of funding to cover part or all of the costs. The committee is not interested in forcing the issue on property owners that don't want to do it. Allsup volunteered to research grant opportunities for sidewalks.

The group re-iterated that the most important area for sidewalks is the "L" shape of the main streets: Broadway and West.

The committee discussed doing a sidewalk survey to residents to ask if they support an effort to repair and install sidewalks, but it was decided to wait on this. Baughman said that a survey could be put in the water bill when ready.

The committee will raise this issue at the April 2nd meeting to get feedback. Baughman will ask council what their position is on this issue.

Spring flower planting

Ditzler reported on potential costs and considerations for doing hanging flower planters in the downtown area. The committee agreed that the biggest hurdle would be watering the planters frequently enough, and discussed whether planters would be better.

Committee members will begin asking around if there are any volunteers to take on a project like this and will raise the issue at the April 2nd community vision meeting.

Playground project update

Baughman reported that the father/daughter fundraiser for the playground went well, with 150 people in attendance raising \$1610. The group will do their next fundraiser April 7, with a dinner, auction and dance at the Legion. They are approximately half way to their funding goal and plan to do phases 1 and 2 of the project this fall.

Allsup motioned to adjourn. Baughman seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 17th at 7 pm at the Hen House.