



## **MEETING NOTES**

### **Carlisle Hometown Pride Community Kick-off Meeting January 18, 2018 at 5:30 pm**

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20 residents from Carlisle and the surrounding area came together to kick-off the Carlisle Hometown Pride program. Warren County Hometown Pride coach, Lorin Ditzler, and Carlisle Hometown Pride chair, Ronda Frost, provided an overview of the Hometown Pride program and then led a discussion about community strengths and opportunities for Carlisle. Comments from the attendees are summarized below:

#### **What we like about Carlisle:**

- Sense of Community
- Schools
- Trails
- Pool
- Small Town Feel
- Library
- Businesses and Restaurants
- Natural Beauty
- Close to Metro
- Growing
- Parks
- Community Sense of Pride
- Citizen Engagement
- Community Events
- We Celebrate our History
- Family & Friends
- Regional awareness
- Youth athletics
- Fire, EMS & Police Service

**Opportunities for Change in Carlisle/New Things we would like to see (Please note: this list was for brainstorming purposes. The Hometown Pride committee will review these and other ideas and select projects for action at a future meeting):**

- Dog Park
- Coffee Shop
- Rec Center with Multi-purpose room
- Yoga in the park
- Fiber Internet
- More activities for adults and kids
- Public art
- Beautification in public spaces, like the street right-of-way
- Community clean-up
- Yard of the month program
- Trail activities for kids & adults
- SRNP trail head with water, bathroom, tables, etc.
- Community Social Events, like a “bike night”
- After school programs
- Places for young kids/families
- Public transportation to Des Moines, Trolley service within City
- Better way to cross the highway for kids
- Downtown revitalization
- Downtown Park (in progress)
- Way to connect to your neighbors
- Centralized point of communication for community happenings
- Park improvements – add playground and other equipment to parks so that they offer the full range of basic park options
- Sand Volleyball and Pickleball courts
- Holiday events – bring back “light up Carlisle”
- More partnership between community and school
- Add a Welcome Sign
- Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts involvement in community projects
- More volunteer opportunities

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Ditzler and Frost shared information about the volunteer opportunities available for Carlisle Hometown Pride, and all attendees filled out a volunteer survey.

About a dozen of the attendees volunteered to serve on the new Carlisle Hometown Pride committee, which will meet monthly to plan and implement community improvement projects for Carlisle.