



**Indianola Hometown Pride
Committee Meeting
December 6, 2018 5:30PM-6:30 PM
EXIT Realty North Star
222 W Salem Ave, Indianola, IA 50125**

Attendance:

Brianna Vaughn	Emmett Konrad	Angela Nelson	Lorin Ditzler
Lisa Harms	Tara Rehmeier	Terry Pauling	Doug Bylund
Jill Johnson			

*Jordan Lowry present as public attendee.

Absent:

Shirley Clark	Stacy Strong	Jenn Pfeifer-Malaney	
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Approve Agenda and August Minutes

Meeting began at approximately 5:30PM with a review of the Meeting Minutes from November 1, 2018. Nelson motioned to approve minutes and Rehmeier provided a second. Unanimous vote.

Warren County Hometown Pride Summit Report

Konrad, Pauling, and Clark attended the recent Warren County Hometown Pride Summit. Carlisle posted publicly once or twice concerning time/dates of meetings and had a good amount of people attending each one. IHP should implement; would need to change switch meeting invites to public page instead of Committee communication page.

Ditzler reported 15-ish people attended Summit from various committees. She will report the time/date of the next summit.

Beautification: Subcommittee Report

Pauling reported on the Yard of the Month. Sign by DLH presented; “Best Home of the Month” – Commendation for keeping Indianola beautiful. Nominate a home @Indianolahometownpride; sponsored by IHP and EXIT Realty. Also doing Best Yard of the Month, likely in March or April. Pauling suggested we need to work on nomination criteria; frequency; etc. Johnson provided some criteria used by other towns via email for the subcommittee to review.

Holiday Décor Home nominations now – committee members need to review homes now, provide nominations, and select a home. Vaughn to do a brief Facebook post to provide suggestions. Deadline will be noon on December 17th. Subcommittee will take a picture of house and homeowners, with permission, w/ certificate.

Beautification Blowout: Rehmeier reported that senior scholarship students would be willing to assist to give back to the community. Nelson reported that we would adjust Blowout schedule around prom and school activities to the best she can so we can get the students involved. Ditzler provided a poster from years' past for subcommittee review.

Konrad reported City Manager gave him contact information for a prior organizer; Bylund has the prior organizer's packet of information for it from last year to share. Nelson and Bylund will coordinate.

Community Chest: Subcommittee Report

Konrad met with City Manager and went over statement of understanding regarding responsibility, maintenance, etc.; City Manager asked for some revisions and is currently reviewing. Waiting for approval so we can pass to City Council for further approval.

Organizations: Subcommittee Report

Konrad reported we need a Subcommittee Chair and/or a champion for the Organization Expo if committee still wants to pursue it. IHP decided to bring it up at the next Organization Summit to solicit co-organizers. Johnson will send out emails and organize a date for next Summit. Konrad suggested mid-late January, early February. The Local Vine possibly – Konrad will check.

Bylund suggested could use the activity center if no food/drink. Pauling offered EXIT.

Subcommittees in General

Non-committee members can be on subcommittees to assist. Ditzler suggested we put on Facebook for volunteers for specific projects to recruit assistance.

Treasurer Update

Pfeifer-Malaney was provided T-shirt money from Rehmeier. Approximately \$300 in donations remaining in account.

Finalize Bylaws

Vaughn reported on revised bylaws. Rehmeier noted a typo to be amended. Bylund reported City Council was concerned about number of members at 15. Ditzler said previously pushed for bigger as we knew we would lose some individuals as time went on. Bylund suggested 13. Konrad called a vote on amending to 13 committee members. Unanimous vote.

Rehmeier motioned to approve the bylaws with the amendments to send to City; Pauling seconded. Unanimous vote. Vaughn to update and send to Konrad.

Future Communications

Konrad reported no votes allowed on Facebook page; no decisions, just communication.

Revitalization of Splash Pad

Konrad would like to revitalize Splash Pad project. Strong is willing to co-lead with Konrad. Ditzler reported another hometown pride committee did this for \$116,000; 500 people in the town, one year of fundraising. Bylund reported that system didn't recirculate water and City would likely be more apt to agree to a system that recirculates for public health reasoning.

Bylund reported that if we requested City help it likely wouldn't hit the City's budget until July 2020 or after. If IHP fundraises the entire amount, that doesn't matter, but Bylund is hopeful the City would be on board.

Nelson suggested the "name on the brick" donation method like used at Buxton/Aquatic Center.

This would be a long-term project as previously discussed. Harms motioned to move forward, Vaughn seconded. Unanimous vote to move forward with preliminary investigation/study.

Ditzler's Report

Ditzler reported on other committee doing Freedom Rock project; would draw people in and would get people excited. Let Ditzler know if you're interested.

Ditzler also suggested First Impressions Program: partnering with a similar town elsewhere in the state and exchanging community members to review city and provide first impressions to see community through fresh eyes.

Summary of Action Items

- Vaughn to do a brief Facebook post to provide suggestions for Holiday Décor Home.
- Beautification subcommittee (Konrad, Pauling, Clark) deciding Holiday Décor Home and will get in touch with homeowners following the 17th. Provide Vaughn with the information and Vaughn will post publicly.
- Nelson and Bylund will coordinate packet review for Beautification Blowout and Rehmeier and Nelson will coordinate with student schedules.
- Johnson will send out emails and organize a date for next Organization Summit. Konrad will check for Local Vine availability and possible dates for Johnson.
- Vaughn to update bylaws and send to Konrad.

Topics for Next Meeting:

- Voting on Officers next meeting so need to have nominations in.
- Next Date/Time TBD: Keep an eye out for a survey to figure out best timing.
- Send any topics to Konrad to be added to the Agenda.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30PM.