

Implementing Newton's Future

Newton Hometown Pride Committee

Thursday December 8, 2016, Noon-1:00

Newton Development Corporation Conference Room

Agenda

1. Call to Order— Chairperson Showalter
 - Announcement of Hometown Pride officer elections in January
 - Mayor Hansen appointments to Hometown Pride
2. Consider approval of the November 10, 2016 meeting minutes
3. Consider action on participating in ISU Extension community leadership program
4. Subcommittee reports
 - Downtown mural rehabilitation
 - First Avenue West railroad overpass
 - Wayfinding signage
 - Interchange 164 large-scale art
 - 30 Acre Park
 - DMACC greenspace
5. Community project and activities status updates
 - **Lightening round** format, with a maximum of 30 seconds for each update
6. Grant activities update
 - Prairie Meadows (\$5000) and Jasper Community Foundation (\$10,000) awards for Aurora Park bouldering course
 - University of Iowa mural implementation (\$4000)
 - 2017 grant cycles
7. Community Coach and committee member information
 - Housing market study—consultant site visit 12/15 10:00 am

8. New Business

9. Adjournment

Next meeting: Thursday January 12, 2016; Noon-1:00 at the Newton Development Corp



Newton’s Future/Hometown Pride Implementation Committee
November 10, 2016 Minutes

Present:	Absent:
Bruce Showalter, Chair	Bernie Lammers
Denice Fischer	Kari Van Zante
Scott Garvis	Mary Entz
Bob O'Brien	Jane Repp
Don Poynter	Zach Bey
Tanya Michener	Graham Sullivan
Amanda Price	Frank Liebl
Natalie Umsted	Terri Ayres
Jeff Davidson	Annette West
Nathan Unsworth	
Kerry Soule	
Erin Chambers	
Bryan Friedman	

Meeting begun at 12:00 p.m.

Committee reviewed the minutes from October 20, 2016. Amanda Price indicated she was listed as present, but was actually not in attendance. Don Poynter motioned to approve the minutes with the change noted. 2nd: Tonya Michener Motioned carried

Nathan Crane and Diane Van Wyngarden from Iowa State Extension and Outreach informed the group that they were hoping to implement a new program for Jasper County. They narrowed down the potential program to a market analysis study or a community leadership development program. The community leadership program would build upon the things discussed and taught at the Get Know Newton Leadership Program hosted each year. After discussing the programs, the group thought the leadership program would be most beneficial. Nathan and Diane will take this feedback and recommend their final suggestion to the Jasper County Extension Board. The program would likely be implemented in early 2017.

Subcommittee reports were given as follows:

- Downtown Mural Rehabilitation—no report
- First Avenue West Railroad Overpass—no progress has been made

- Wayfinding signage—no report
- Interchange 164 large-scale art—a request was submitted to the ISU College of Design to help provide concepts for the area
- 30 Acre Park—the group continues to meet and prioritize tasks. A volunteer work day will take place on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- DMACC Green Space—discussed the gift of the former Maytag buildings to DMACC. The ISU design students assigned to developing plans for this area will make a presentation on Wednesday, November 16th at the Innovation Center. Everyone on the committee was encouraged to attend this event.

Many things were shared during the lighting round:

- Chamber has the Retail House Open House Weekend and the Courthouse Lighting/Lighted Christmas Parade coming up
- Main Street Economic Revitalization Team needs new members. If you are interested, please contact Don or Graham.
- NDC has been receiving a lot of calls after the DMACC gift
- Major progress has been made at Skiff Hospital. Several renovation projects have been completed with more to come.
- Scott Garvis gave an outstanding review of recent student accomplishments. Committee members would like copies of his annual review to show potential new residents and businesses.
- The revitalized Sculpture Fest was a great success.
- The housing study that encompasses all of Jasper County will be available soon.
- Thunder Nites have secured dates with the City of Newton for 2017

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 8, 2016 at noon at the Newton Development Corporation.