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**MINUTES**

**Cumming Hometown Pride**

**April 6 at 6:00 pm**

**Via Zoom**

**Present via video call**: Natasha, Shaunda, Lorin, Craig, Pat, Janeen Eastwood

**February Minutes:** No changes (no March mtg)

**Fundraising update:**

Grant timelines:

* WCEDC: to be approved at April 22 meeting
* WCPP: End of April/Early May
* Prairie Meadows: July 1

Additional grant to consider: IA Dept of Cultural Affairs Art Project Grant, Deadline June 1

Paint Iowa Beautiful grant: we received 7 gallons of paint

Paint donation – Pat will contact Norwalk HP to set up

**Ben Schuh Contract:**

We’re waiting for the City to create the contract.

Discussion point: Does the City want us to create our own bank account or form 501c3?

**Design:** We will schedule a call with Ben to discuss potential changes to design.

**Timeline:** Pat will draft a project planning timeline for the water tower project.

**Yard of the Month:**

Start the award in May. Make 2 signs. Award one per month.

**Fridays at the Farm:**

Schedule to begin May 15, but may be pushed back. They are looking for vendors. Contact Janeen if want to schedule a date or know of someone who wants to participate. janeen@middlebrookfarms.com We can have a table there and do fundraising and promotion of our project. It’s every Friday from 4-7 pm but we can come whichever weeks we like. Set up starts at 2:00pm

Ideas for promotion: Put up proposed water tower image on big boards/banner “Coming this summer…”; Pass out coloring pages with the design; Give out water; sell prints/t-shirts/pint glasses; help recruit volunteers

May 29 – Goat Yoga

**New projects:**

A banner on the Indianola square that promotes the water tower – will wait until things are confirmed

Installing the trail signs – Pat will follow up with City

**Next meeting:** May 4 at 6 pm