



CCI-Guiding Coalition Meeting

September 10, 2024

Venue: Community Courtyard

Attendance: 18 Clinton County citizens including Navigation Team officers Joe Gagnon, Jan Schwarz and Jim Patrico. Navigation team members Christel Gollnick, Dillan Klindt, Debbie Davis, Sam Finley and Diane Shryock also were present. Other attendees included County Commissioner Elect Tyler Walock, Lathrop City Administrator Bob Burns, Plattsburg Mayor David Jett, Trimble Alderman Mike Shryock and Clinton County Zoning Administrator Tricia Knight. The communities of Gower and Turney also were represented by attendees.

Call to Order: By President Joe Gagnon at 7 p.m.

Venue: The Community Courtyard, Plattsburg, MO

New Business:

Joe and Christel led a discussion about the information gathering process CCI has employed for the last two years involving surveys, community meeting and listening sessions. They also discussed the feasibility study and its results. Jim described the Content Team's work. Christel discussed the Facility Team's activities. Jan and Debbie reported on the Marketing Team.

Joe announced that the Navigation Team's recommendation was for a countywide library/learning center to serve as a hub for economic and cultural development. Included in the package would be traditional library services along with cutting edge informational programs, art exhibits and business classes. Facilities for entrepreneurial growth would be included such as conference rooms, co-work spaces, maker spaces and possibly a commercial kitchen. The Navigation Team proposed that CCI ask the county commissioners to establish a countywide library district with the exception of the Cameron city limits. CCI also recommended an eventual levy to support the library. The levy would match the levy that now funds the Cameron city library so that the two entities could consider merging if they deemed that useful. Timing of a levy vote was discussed. Strategically April would be a good time because of a limited number of issues usually on a ballot then.

Discussion of the feasibility study findings and recommendations followed. Among the topics was the location of the library/learning center. Navigation Team members explained that the location had not yet been determined but that Plattsburg or Lathrop would be the most logical choices. New construction is more likely than renovation of an existing structure. Discussion included naming of the necessary five library trustees by the county commissioners based, at least in part, on recommendations from CCI.

A motion was made by Sam Finley and second by Dillan Klindt to have CCI ask the county commissioners to form a countywide library district excluding the city of Cameron. Motion passed with no opposition.

Next Navigation Team meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m. Wednesday September 18 at the Community Courtyard.

Next Guiding Coalition meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday November 12 at the Community Courtyard.

Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.