



August 14, 2024

CCI-Navigation Team Meeting

Attendance: Joe Gagnon, Chad Howerton, Jim Patrico, Dillan Klindt, Kristy Young, Diane Shryock, Sam Finley, Theresa Stilley, Christel Gollnick

Call to Order: By Joe @ 8 a.m.

Old Business:

The group discussed the legal process for the County Commissioners to establish a library district that is countywide with the exception of the city of Cameron. For a library funding issue to be on the April ballot, the Commissioners must pass a resolution establishing the district by January. A five-member library board must be in place by then.

Current commissioners have been supportive of the idea during informal discussions. Joe will talk with the commissioners so they are reminded of the process and how CCI is proceeding. The group discussed the ideal composition of a library board. It is crucial that someone from CCI be on the library board to help other members understand and follow the original vision for a Clinton County library system. It is also important that board members represent the county geographically.

Board members will serve 4-year terms with the first board members having staggered terms so subsequent boards will also have staggered terms.

Diane presented a list of potential library board members she has approached. Each has expressed interest: Tracy Pigg of Trimble, Tony Stone of Plattsburg, Cami Aebersold of Plattsburg. Other potential members as identified by NT members are Jennifer Howerton of Lathrop (Chad will talk to her), Laura Evans of Gower (Jim), Trey Talley of Plattsburg (Joe) and Kyle Bean of Lathrop (Joe). Christel volunteered to be a library board member and thus serve as CCI's voice.

The NT will vote on library board members at a special meeting, scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday August 29 at the Community Courtyard. It also will draft a letter of intent for the commissioners.

New Business:

The group discussed establishing an advocacy entity to talk to voters about the April ballot issue. It might be named, "Friends of the Library." It will share with voters the results of CCI's feasibility study about the nature of the envisioned library system and make clear the time, talent and treasure required to make such a system a reality. CCI would be a support group for Friends of the Library.

The next Guiding Coalition meeting is scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 10. At that meeting the NT will share its intentions and explain how its plan has been shaped by



stakeholders and attendees of the focus groups. Prospective library board members should be invited.

The group discussed ways to promote the project on the April ballot. Ideas discussed included holding public service events that illustrate the wide range of programs modern libraries support. Also discussed were flyers to be distributed at public events, a voter registration day and discussions with high school seniors. Joe advised that it is best to wait until after the November election to prevent confusion among voters about when the library would be on the ballot.

In discussing election strategy, the group learned that Holt is an important precinct and could move the election one way or the other. Joe estimated that without Cameron residents voting it will take about 1,500 yes votes to pass the measure.

Committee members Jim, Sam and Theresa discussed the visitors guide project. The committee has changed directions to make a website its first priority for late summer or early fall.

Proposed url: visitclintoncomo.com. A print version of the visitors' guide will follow.

Regular Navigation Team meetings will move to 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month beginning in September.

Guiding Coalition meetings were set at the June 12 NT meeting:

- 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 10 at the Community Courtyard. Topic will be summary of the results of the feasibility study.
- 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 12 at the Community Courtyard. Topic will be countywide shared priorities, based in part on the feasibility study.
- Time TBD Tuesday, January 14 at the Community Courtyard. Topic will be opportunities for art, history and tourism. This will lead to discussion of library/community center.
- Time TBD Tuesday, March 11 at the Community Courtyard. Topic will be life-long education & workforce development. This will lead to discussion of library/community center and the ballot in April.
- Time TBD Tuesday, May 13 at the Community Courtyard. Topic will be uses for library/community center and mental health issues.
- Time TBD Tuesday, July 8 site TBD but options include an outdoor venue like Wallace State Park, Cameron city park, Turney park, Perkins Park in Plattsburg. Topic will be a celebration of CCI.

Adjourned: 9:30 a.m.

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