



INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT MARCH 2023

Financials: Quickbooks Online purchased, downloaded and data entered. Worked with Joan Davis to closeout WHOA account. Sent registered letter with final check in the amount of \$2695.03.

RLF Loan Report: Completed

Childcare Grant: Two meetings led by Angie Rae Duncan were held on every other Monday evenings beginning March 6, 4 to 7pm. Darrin Relph is the chair. Other members are Jenna Porter, Jamie Swearnigen, Lance Lange, Dave Daughton, Devin Rodgers, Mark Winslow, Stacy Gibbs, and Taylor Bloomquist.

Umbrella Entity: First Friday Coffee on March 3rd was a discussion led by Dave Daughton. **Outcomes:** Lance Lange will talk to city councils about financial support for full time position for WCDC based on \$10 per person in their city. Dave Daughton will provide a copy of a contract from UNI for consulting. Corydon Development pledged \$2500 and Nancy Bennett pledged \$1000 towards the \$5800 needed for UNI consulting. Taylor Bloomquist and Nancy Bennett will apply for a GRM grant in the amount of \$1500. A draft brochure created by Nancy was passed to attendees. Amber Rodgers will research a full time position contract. Next coffee will be April 7 at 7:30am.

Professional Office Space:

- **Hours-Flex** hours but try to keep the office open 9am to Noon Monday through Friday.
- Purchased an **outdoor dropbox** for paperwork to be dropped off when the office isn't open.
- **Website:** The community volunteer form has been added to the Walldog section and the registration form has been tweaked.
- **lowagrants.gov.** Nancy finally, got access to this website where the childcare grant is located.
- **Social Media:** Nancy has no access to either FB accounts yet. Several volunteers for Walldogs signed up through FB.
- **Walldogs:** We're developing a mailer for fundraising and will divide up the list of possible donors to contact. Nancy is finalizing Project Leaders/Designers and housing for them. Reference materials for the farm crisis mural were supplied to Elaine Wallis from Niagara Falls, Canada. Many of the images came from stills in the documentary created by Iowa Public Broadcasting so Nancy contacted them and got permission to use the images in the mural. Plans for the scavenger hunt fundraiser are underway. We're getting estimates on equipment, structures. We raised \$280 from the sale of "take em to the station shirts". Event insurance quote from Farm Bureau is \$990. Nancy followed up with Hotel Rae and Inn of the Six Toed Cat. Price for the Inn is \$2336.00 for Wednesday through Sunday. Nancy provided a sample building agreement to Dan Rockhold to get pricing for 17 agreements (easements). Nancy contacted Shelita Swan about Marv's Lodge. 12 rooms, 27 beds. Avg. price is \$50. Call Shelita at 641-895-6296 directly to book. A photo is on Chariton Valley Outfitters website. Created a map where murals will be painted. Created a lodging map.

Economic Development:

- Added four more pages including Economic Development to the WCDC website..
- Conducted 2 childcare meetings and provided light supper.
- Created a sale flier for sealed bids process for the former meal site building.
- Added WCDC as the contact for the Southern Iowa Junk Journey.
- Met with Tierra from Farm Bureau regarding Summer on the Square. She has booked the music and lined up food vendors. Nancy will discuss the kid's activities with Amber to see what she had in mind.
- Visited Meyers and Lain to start income tax process
- Wrote letters of support for the Wayne Co. Hospital and Kading housing.
- Connected with Krista of South Central Iowa Development Area. She will get back with possible opportunities.
- Made updates to the county-wide calendar on Google Drive
- Research is underway for a "get puzzled" fundraiser.