



INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT JUNE 2023

Childcare Grant: Held the public meeting at Walden Park Shelter House on Monday, June 26 with eight members from the public in attendance. Contacted members for the steering committee moving forward. Devin Rodgers will chair the steering committee and other members are Taylor Bloomquist, Jenna Porter, and Denise Hutchison.

Umbrella Entity: First Friday Coffee was canceled due to several attendees being out of town. The next one will be held Friday, July 7th at 7:30 am. The first meeting with UNI to determine how to move forward with a county-wide entity will be held August 9th.

Finances: Conducted monthly duties: receipts, deposits, documentation, reconciliation.

Office: No updates this month.

Website and Social Media: Sara Wampler has updated Walldog housing on the website and has been posting the artists, themes and locations on Facebook.

Grants: Didn't receive the GRM \$1500 grant for the UNI proposal for the county-wide guidebook and consultation this round. Resubmitted the application for the fall deadline. Applied for and received an economic development grant from GRM in the amount of \$10,526.66 for the Walldog Mural Trail. Submitted an application to GRM on behalf of the Round Barn and they received \$5990.00. These two grants are the total amount that has been in restricted funds in the WCDC account so the financials will reflect these distributions. Also applied for \$5000 in Ripple Effect funds from GRM and should know the outcome within the next month.

Still waiting to hear from the state grant online application for the Walldog mural project for \$10,000. It passed the first round and we are waiting for further developments.

Walldog Mural Trail: Eight teams signed up for the scavenger hunt and Lance Lange's team won. \$800 was deposited for the Walldogs. The final clue was at the Old Time Soda Fountain in Allerton and several participants enjoyed the fountain treats. Met with Sara Wampler regarding housing for the Walldog project leaders. Continued coordinating with Brenda DeVore and several mural designers about themes and designs. Fielded several local concerns about mural themes and locations. Fielded several lodging questions from Walldog artists. Submitted in county invoices to the supervisors from WCDC for Wayne County Fair rental and \$4000 for supplies from Allerton Lumber Company for the Walldogs Festival. Prepared for and attended two Walldog committee meetings. \$16,027 was received or pledged during the month of June. Continued to work on building owner agreements for the mural locations.

Economic Development:

- Devin and Nancy set up and held the public meeting for the strategic results provided by Angie of First Children's Finance for the childcare grant.
- Submitted final reports to the state of Iowa for the childcare grant.
- Attended the Lineville City Council meeting on June 8th to discuss the mural location. Sara Wampler and Bonita Wells also attended.
- Followed up with Larry Harlan, Dan Rockhold and Michelle Dooley to move the former meal site building sale along. The closing was delayed because the county resolution stated the specific use was for childcare. The resolution was amended at the June 30th Supervisors meeting to say general economic development.



- Conducted a presentation on June 12 at the Prairie Trails museum about the upcoming Walldog Festival and Mural Trail.
- Conducted a Walldogs presentation on Tuesday, June 13, to the children at Moulton Community Library and talked about the upcoming Walldog Mural Festival and Mural Trail in Wayne County
- Prepared reports for the regular monthly WCDC board meeting but it was canceled due to lack of a quorum.
- Followed up on federal funding for reservoirs and lakes with Dustin Harvey of Centerville, IA, Karla Klingner of Columbia, MO and Alex Silbey of Washington DC. Attended a zoom meeting with Alex. Chris Moore also attended to get the overall view of next steps. If we pursue federal funding would need to pay for an engineer's assessment and pay for a federal grant writer. Alex will set up another zoom meeting to discuss more in depth.
- Met with potential replacement for WCDC Director position and discussed duties and priorities.
- Attended the June 13th and June 30th BOS meetings.
- Attended some of the Southern Iowa Junk Journey.
- Volunteered at one of the Walldog fundraiser scavenger hunt sites and attended the Soda Fountain finale.
- Received, documented and deposited one RLF payment for a total of \$170.