

FIRST SULLY TOWN MEETING – Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012

The responses and suggestions from the 186 Sully Community Surveys completed in April were divided into CITY and CITIZEN projects. Within these two major categories, the projects were split into the sub-categories of: 1. Quick Kill Projects – completion can be done quickly, typically less than three months; and 2. Major Projects – two different timeframes of a. Short Term – completion within a year (12 months) and b. Long Term – completion within 1-3 years (12-36 months) and will probably need engineering assistance in design and plan development.

CITY PROJECTS – City council and staff will perform the work to analyze and complete (listed in no order of importance):

1. QUICK KILLS

- a. Early in winter season article about snow removal policy in newspaper and on city website. (Status: Article being drafted to be placed on city website and in “Hometown Press” by street committee.)
- b. Trim park trees. (Status: Completed.)
- c. Leaf burning ban. (Status: Two options will be considered at the October city council meeting after discussion at the September council meeting.)
- d. Check with insurance provider about stop/yield signs at specific locations. (Status: Street committee has completed a drive through of the city, insurance agency has left this up to the council, and recommendation will be given at the October city council meeting.)
- e. Fix zipline and rings at playground in city square. (Status: Completed.)
- f. Restroom available at city uptown park.
- g. Enforce cat/dog leash ordinance. (Status: Completed.)
- h. Burned out bulbs in lights and bell in city square. (Status: Completed.)
- i. Community center social room décor upgrade, community center kitchen upgrade. (Status: Getting bids from outside sources to be considered at October council meeting to upgrade the kitchen and social room décor.)
- j. Library facility review of layout and materials. (Status: Current facility reviewed by the state with publication of response in upcoming “Hometown Press” issue.)
- k. Review traffic/visibility issues at Casey’s corner. (Status: Issues reviewed, however the city’s hands are restricted. Work will continue to try and identify possible options.)
- l. Investigate licensing of four/three-wheelers on city streets. (Status: State of Iowa considering legalizing side by side, council will wait to get their decision.)

2. MAJOR PROJECTS

a. Short Term (12 Months)

- i. New sidewalks.
 1. Review areas around town and identify places where sidewalks need to be added.
 2. Need sidewalk to Sully Ball Park.
- ii. Fix sidewalks.
 1. Review existing sidewalks and identify places where sidewalks need to be added.

b. Long Term (12-36 Months)

- i. Resurface 1st Street.
 1. Identify a cost estimate with city engineer.
 2. Help find funding.

CITIZEN PROJECTS – Citizens must organize to determine the project’s requirements, scope, and development of plan to accomplish (listed in no order of importance):

1. QUICK KILLS

- a. Beautify closed alley between restaurant and professional building on south side of square.
 - i. What can be done to remove the cement barriers, but yet keep the alley inaccessible to vehicles.
 - ii. Have benches and picnic tables with umbrellas to provide shade.
 - iii. Mural depicting some type of community event/activity.
 - iv. Flowers and greenery to brighten up the area.
- b. Adult recreation leagues.
 - i. Already have co-ed softball, but what other sports/activities for adults can be held.
 - ii. Establish a city position that will be responsible for scheduling and registration.
 - iii. Investigate possibility of participating in leagues of other communities (i.e. Pella, Newton, and Grinnell).
- c. Summer Sully “Night Out” Activities/Events (May through September).
 - i. Events to consider - vintage auto show, lighted bike ride, BBQ contest, ice cream social, and ??
 1. Have 1 or 2 nights in the month for some type of event encourages families to come out.
 2. The goal would be to have fun and give people a chance to become acquainted with one another.
 - ii. Bean bag toss tournament.
 1. Establish a bean bag toss tournament that would be held in the central park.
 2. Publicize the event so that participants from outside the community come.
 3. Need to have age group champions.
 - iii. Kids street chalk art.
 1. Close down a street around the square - create squares that each participant uses to draw images in.
 2. Have some type of theme for the kids to base the images on and judge results based on ages groups.

- d. Winter Sully “Night Out” Activities/Events (November and December).
 - i. Some type of Christmas celebration.
 - ii. Identify other events that can be held in November and early December.
 - iii. Sully First Reformed Church planning a tour of 5 homes in the Sully area the first weekend of December (Dec. 1). This is being done as a fundraiser for their building addition project. Other events at same time?
- e. Garden tour.
 - i. Establish a regularly (annual or biannual) scheduled event in the summer to showcase the flower gardens and landscaping of homes in the area. These could be in town and within an “X” mile radius.
 - ii. Incorporate some type of other event like the gate auction that was done a few years ago.
 - iii. Consider bringing in some type of guest/master gardener to put on presentation.
- f. Fly-ins.
 - i. Promote Sully’s “one of a kind” grass airstrip with some type of mass fly-in.
 - ii. Could an event be setup to display older planes?

2. SHORT TERM PROJECTS – 12 Months

- a. Establish non-profit foundation to accept gifts for projects.
 - i. Persons in the community need a way to make contributions (financial and non-financial) to the City of Sully.
 - ii. Tax Deductible?
 - iii. Persons should be able to express specific uses for their contribution.
- b. Law enforcement-night time cop.
 - i. Additional monitoring of the community is needed between “X” p.m. and “X” a.m.
 - ii. Could this be something that could be shared with Lynnville? With L-S Schools?
 - iii. Neighborhood watch groups.
 - iv. Add security cameras around town.
- c. Playground equipment in central square park.
 - i. Existing playground equipment in NE corner needs to be replaced.
 - ii. Consider use of bright colors.
 - iii. Consider enlarging play area.
 - iv. Consider play equipment for an older age child.
- d. Playground equipment in city ballpark.
 - i. Expand the existing equipment for small children.
 - ii. Add equipment for an older age child.
 - iii. Add a frisbee golf layout.

3. LONG TERM PROJECTS – 12 to 36 Months

- a. Bike trail/path in cooperation with Lynnville.
 - i. Identify possible route(s) between Sully and Lynnville.
 - ii. Would a dedicated walking path around the city be of benefit.
 - iii. What is the possibility of hooking a new path with one from Pella and Grinnell.
 - iv. How could a bike trail/path benefit both communities.
- b. Ballpark area upgrade-tennis court, skate park, Frisbee golf, dog park.
 - i. Identify possible designs and costs for each item already identified and any other.
 - ii. Layout a conceptual design of how the park would be changed.
 - iii. Solicit input from and review changes with the community.
 - iv. Include a restroom upgrade.
- c. City square upgrade-stage/band shell, restrooms.
 - i. Identify possible designs and costs for each item already identified and any other.
 - ii. Layout a conceptual design of how the park would be changed.
 - iii. Solicit input from and review changes with the community.
- d. Splash park.
 - i. Investigate what a splash park consists of.
 - ii. Find and talk with businesses that put in splash parks.
 - iii. Identify possible location(s) of where a splash pool could be constructed.
 - iv. Identify construction and operational costs for a splash pool.
 - v. As an alternative, could a large pond like Bondurant’s be considered on the Vos property.
- e. Community wireless network access.
 - i. Work with Sully Telephone to identify issues needing to be addressed if entire community had wireless access.
 - ii. Rather than city-wide, could it be restricted to the central park area.
- f. General/grocery store.
 - i. Identify what the items are that should be offered (i.e. baked goods, sandwiches, etc.)
 - ii. Are there any existing owners of small grocery stores that would be willing to do a satellite.
 - iii. Are there any existing businesses in the area that would be willing to add this to their operation.