

Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

Community: Garrison
Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Patty Reisinger
Date and Time: February 16, 2016
Meeting Length: 1.5 hours
Location: Emergency Services Building
Meeting Number and Title: #1 Orientation & Prepare for TAB

Number of committee members in attendance: 7

Names of committee members in attendance: Teresa & Steve Meyer, Randy Scheel, Angela Dague, Christy Leckband, Allen Lindsey, & Merle Welte.

Others in attendance: Carl Barnhart and Patty Reisinger from Trees Forever

Meeting Summary: The meeting started with an orientation to Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning for Garrison. The Garrison Visioning committee will meet regularly during the next six months to plan the transportation enhancement projects for Carlisle. A general outline of the series of meetings was reviewed with a PowerPoint to explain who will attend meetings and how the information gathered builds to help support the work done thru the spring and summer. A core visioning committee will meet in 2016 and the projects could be planted and built in the following three to five years. The purpose of the program is to assist local volunteers to develop and plan projects that enhance the transportation network.

The goal of Community Visioning is to make a local transportation plan that fits each community's unique assets and challenges. The process is built on the needs of local residents, local geography, and transportation planning.

As part of the Visioning process, the committee and design team create concept plans that respond to local values and ideas and develop workable implementation strategies. The partners in the program include a Trees Forever Field Coordinator (as facilitator and process expert), the local Steering Committee (local advocates, resource experts and decision makers; the steering committee engages others in the community at strategic points in the process), and a private-sector landscape architect (expert planner and designer). The "silent" partner is the Department of Transportation, which funds the program and provides behind-the-scenes guidance and support.

The Community Visioning process is built around three major phases:

- **Inventory** – mapping local geography to understand places in your community, investigating natural patterns and processes that affect transportation systems, and learning about transportation use and needs of residents with focus groups
- **Goal Setting and Design** -- working with the landscape architect to review and overlay inventory maps, and then identifying priorities for improvement to guide community planning and design.
- **Implementation Planning** –working with information provided in the feasibility report, and considering community support and external support available to move ahead, the committee will prioritize projects and will plan for implementation and sustaining their forward momentum.

Next we made plans for the transportation assets & barriers community workshop to be held March 12th in Garrison. The site for the workshop selected was St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Patty reviewed the process for the transportation assets and barriers workshop. It is an opportunity to involve community residents (includes rural nearby residents) and visitors. Visioning committee members will recruit local people to participate on March 12th. The focus groups are a very important component of the assessment process as they provide data that will help the committee shape design goals. The information is valuable later when you write grant proposals as they provide evidence of the support from and need of the community. Each workshop participant should plan to allow for two hours for their focus group. There will be an indoor group interview and an outdoor picture taking portion. Remind people to dress for the weather!

March 12 schedule

- 8:15am set up at St. Mark's Lutheran Church 101 N. Walnut
- 9am to 11am Seniors and others with mobility or vision issues
- 10am - noon Active adults
- 11am -1pm Youth
- 11am - 1pm Parents
- Noon to 2pm Visioning Committee
- 2:30 Day's review (30 min)

Next meeting is the TAB workshop March 12. At St Mark's Lutheran Church
Next Visioning committee meeting is April 5th at 6:30pm Location is the Senior Center

Below are the names of people you will contact and ask to participate at the March 12 workshop. If you think of others to invite, you are welcome to add them. Not everyone will be able to attend and that is okay, that is why we need a long list to work from. Please give Teresa your **firm** rsvp list of those you have recruited before or by March 4th so we know if the numbers are viable for the workshop day. We want **ten to twelve people** to actually show up and participate in each of the 4 groups. (And all the steering committee at noon)

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Ideas of people to recruit for March 12th. You can ask additional people too!

Our goal is to have ten to 12 people for each of the groups. Other towns have found to reach the goal you will need to ask at least twenty people for each group!

Ten – twelve seniors attend. (9am to 11)

Ten – twelve recreationists. 10am to noon

Ten to twelve youth 11am to 1pm

Ten to twelve parents 11am to 1pm

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Most or all the steering committee (noon to 2pm)

Initials are of the person that will ask resident to attend. **AD = Angela Dague.**

Seniors: 9am start.

Eldo & Shirley Meyer SM
Dick & Carol Flickinger
Warren & Carol Henkle
Bob & Betty Carlson CL
Paul & Carol Scheelhase TM SM
John, Chum Heinemann AD
Kathy Young TM, SM
Dorothy & Bill Readnour AD
Karen Nichols AD
Laura Kirchner AL

Active recreationist (walk, bike, run, etc.) 10am start.

Cindy Pattee RS
Josh Erickson SM
Spencer Gram AD
Janet Blinn CL
Kayla Kirchner AL
Kammie Kirchner AL
Emily Hanson TM

Parents: 11am start

Eric & Mandy Kakac SM
Shawn & Mandy Fisher AD
Kurt & Heidi Kirchner AD
Spencer, Rhondalynn Grams AD
Jeff, Amanda Henkle TM
Vince, Gloria Snyder TM
Linda, Marty Waterman AD

Youth (need more names)

Joran Fisher, Katee, Kylee Kirctiner, Jake, Renee Grams, Alexa Henkle, Gia Snyder, Vivien Waterman.

Visioning Steering committee: attend at noon.

2:30 is the (short) review of the day. This is optional, but people especially enjoy this part to see what the other ideas were. Usually no more than 30 minutes.