

# Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

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**Community: University Heights**  
**Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Hannah Howard**  
**Date and Time: Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 5 PM**  
**Meeting Length: 2 Hours**  
**Location: The University Athletic Club**  
**Meeting Number and Title: #10 Public Presentation of Designs**

**Number of committee members in attendance: 8**

**Names of committee members in attendance:** Karen Drake, Virginia Miller, Sara O'Sullivan, Michael Gay, Martha Terry, Dotti Maher, Silvia Quezada, Janis Deyak

**Others:** Meg Flenker (Flenker Land Architecture Consultants), Hannah Howard (Trees Forever)

## **Meeting Summary:**

The Community Visioning Design Concept boards were set up in the University Heights Athletic Club parking lot at the University Heights Farmers Market. The market had a nice turnout and good weather. Approximately 75 community members came to view the visioning design concept boards between 5 and 7 p.m. Committee members interacted with the public and answered their questions.

Overall, community members had a lot of positive comments. Popular designs included the bike lanes and community signage proposed along Melrose Avenue. Bikability is clearly very important to many residents in University Heights. The comprehensive sidewalk plan received both positive and negative comments. Some residents saw this as being very important while others deemed more sidewalks unnecessary and were concerned as to how these sidewalks would be paid for. Residents were glad to see drainage and water problems addressed through the stormwater management design concepts.

It was noted that the intersection of Koser and Highland does not always feel safe as it is a very sharp turn. When this project is implemented, the street should be widened slightly to address this issue. Some community members were concerned that the proposed designs would remove the flowers by Stella's because they were not shown in the design edits. Although they are not shown in the design edits, there are no plans to remove these. Many residents expressed their gratitude for the work done through the Community Visioning program and are looking forward to seeing these changes take place throughout the community in the future.

**Next Meeting:** Feasibility Report Meeting set for Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm.