

Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

Community: University Heights
Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Hannah
Howard Date and Time: Thursday June 9th, 7 PM
Meeting Length: 1.5 Hours
Location: Oaknoll
Meeting Number and Title: #7 Goal Setting Meeting

Number of committee members in attendance: 12

Names of committee members in attendance: Virginia Miller, Thad Wunder, Karen Drake, Sara O'Sullivan, Michael Gay, Martha Terry, Dotti Maher, Janis Deyak, Carolyn Wells, Jim Lane, Joseph Frankel, Anne Frankel, Hannah Howard (Trees Forever)

Meeting Summary:

Committee members who were not at the last meeting on the 25th of May arrived early to look at the survey and workshop boards created by Iowa State. To begin the goal setting meeting, committee members were asked to share their list of brainstormed project ideas. This brainstormed list included these items: lighting, beautification and bike lanes on Melrose, better sidewalks, entryway signage, enhancements to Triangle Park and safe and convenient access from the west to Horn Elementary School.

Dotti mentioned that Rotary was looking at doing a large project at Triangle Park and taking over future maintenance of the park. After talking with Rotary, nothing is currently planned and the group was alright with Meg coming up with design concepts for the park. Hannah then compared the brainstormed list to a compiled list of desired enhancements from the TAB workshop which included bike lanes on Melrose, lighting on Melrose and Koser, entry way signage, benches and side walk connections. Using these two lists, the group continued to brainstorm until a comprehensive list of ideas and projects was created. This added items such as improved and beautified stormwater intakes, better signage and placement, a roundabout at Melrose, Golfview and Koser, garbage cans for public use and "Mitt Mutts" to help with littering from tailgating and doggy waste.

The idea of a roundabout came from the Metropolitan Planning Organization representative at the Transportation Meeting as a way to deal with heavy traffic and to keep vehicles moving. There was a bit of discussion on this item and the committee was reminded that these are simply design concepts and nothing is set in stone. A few committee members wondered how this would work with the plan for bike lanes on Melrose, while others were in favor of the idea, some opposed. Meg will explore this possibility further.

All of these ideas were considered and many items were combined to create one single project. This created a comprehensive list of 6 projects for the committee to prioritize by voting. "Stop light voting" allowed each committee member to have 3 votes for their highest priority (green sticker worth 3 points), second priority (yellow sticker worth 2

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points) and lowest priority (red sticker worth 1 point). Below is the list of projects that were voted on by the committee and the number of points each project received:

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- **Melrose Streetscape-- #1 with 27 points**
 - Including: bike lanes, sidewalks, signage, site amenities, lighting, trash cans, benches, plantings/landscaping

 - **Comprehensive sidewalk plan--#2 with 16 points**
 - Including: creating access to Horn and West High, lighting

 - **Roundabout at intersection of Melrose, Koser and Golfview-- #3 with 13 points**
 - **Triangle Park--#4 with 9 points**
 - **Stormwater Improvements--#5 with 5 points**
 - **Community entryway--#6 with 2 points** **will not be included in designs**
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Meg will now take the top five ranked projects and begin to work up design concepts for the upcoming design workshop on June 9th. At the workshop these designs will be very rough drafts, and community and committee input is needed to help shape them into designs that will fit the community. The workshop will be an opportunity for all community groups and residents to weigh in, both with positive and negative comments. Committee members were encouraged to reach out to all community groups such as Rotary, the Garden Club, etc for their participation and input.

Hannah reminded everyone that community members are invited to stop by at any time between 4 and 7 pm to provide their input on the designs, as well as for a presentation of the designs by Meg at 7 to 7:30 pm. All committee members should plan on attending the 7 pm presentation. In addition to the 7 pm presentation, at least 2 committee members should be present throughout the workshop to talk with the community members regarding the designs. It is always best for community members to hear about the visioning projects from local community members on the committee rather than outside parties like Hannah and Meg. Hannah will send an email after the meeting asking for each committee member to sign up for a one hour shift during the workshop.

Dotti volunteered to print the design workshop flier and work with city council to get the fliers distributed to the community residents. Virginia volunteered to send the city logo used on the light pole banners to Meg as well. As for upcoming meetings, after the design workshop the committee will have a chance to view Meg's preliminary design concepts before they become final. This meeting will take place at some point in July, TBD. Following this, the committee will plan a public presentation of the final design concepts open to all community residents. This will be a great chance to show off the designs and gather community feedback. As of now, the plan is to coincide this with the University Heights Farmer's Market at The University Club in August or September. The market takes place on the 1st Tuesday of the month from 4 to 7 pm.

Next Meeting: Design Workshop Tuesday, June 28th at The University Club.