Iowa's Living Roadways community visioning

Meeting Minutes

Community: Clarion

Meeting Title: Design Workshop (_Design_Workshop)

If Other:

Meeting Number: 8

Trees Forever Facilitator: Meredith Borchardt

Minutes Completed By: Meredith Borchardt

Meeting Date: June 10, 2017

Meeting Location: Fire Station & Gazebo Park

Meeting Time (Start-Finish): 6:30am -2:00 pm

Meeting Length: 7.5 hours

Number of Committee Members in Attendance: 7

Names of Committee Members in Attendance:

Peggy O'Neil, Andy Young, Denny Bowman, Dustin Rief, Barb Mussman, Sarah Holmes, Karen Weld

Number of Non-Committee Members in Attendance: 700

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Eric Doll (Jeffrey L. Bruce & Company), Riley Dunn & Carole Ustine (ISU student interns), Meredith Borchardt (Trees Forever), plus approximately 700 community members

Meeting Summary:

The design workshop was held in conjunction with Clarion's Festival in the Park day, and included two parts. In the morning a work station was set up at the Fire Station's pancake breakfast. At 11:00 the team moved to Gazebo Park to set up shop under some big shade trees. There were food and craft vendors, a parade on the north side, and live entertainment. Eric sketched some images of 5th Street near the High School, where a strong need has been expressed for better pedestrian accessibility. He also did some sketches of downtown and of Highway 3 west with improved pedestrian access. Riley and Carol worked on computer- generated image edits and two screens projected their work to passers by. The images included a potential trail on the north side of town using an abandoned railroad corridor, downtown enhancements on Main Street, Lions Park entrance, and an area near the Aquatic Center where a rec. center could potentially be located. People could write responses to the question "What would you like to see happen in Clarion?" on a large Post-It pad on the table, as they looked at images. Many jotted ideas; the two that received the most stars/votes were bike path on North County K Road to airport and lake, and wellness center/rec. center. There were many positive comments.

The pancake breakfast was an especially effective venue to talk to people who went right past the work station as they waited in line. In the afternoon, there was more of an opportunity to work on and develop the design concepts. All in all, it was a great event to reach a lot of the general public. The next committee meeting will be held in late July; it will be a review of partially completed projects and opportunity to provide feedback to the design team.

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