

# Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

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**Community: Colfax**

**Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Leslie Berckes**

**Date and Time: January 12, 2016; 6:30-7:45pm**

**Meeting Length: 1.25 hours**

**Location: United Methodist Church**

**Steering Committee Planning Meeting**

**Number of committee members in attendance: 12**

**Names of committee members in attendance:** Karla Jones, Don Edwards, Jeff Davidson, Linda Darrock, Doug Garrett, Dave Mast, Brad Magg, Kim Seebeck, Shannon Pell, Pete Parvi, Greg Rhames, and Travis Cook; Leslie Berkces (Trees Forever)

## **Summary:**

The Steering Committee Planning meeting started with the facilitator, Leslie Berckes of Trees Forever, introducing herself and the process. A presentation was given that ran through the entire Visioning program. Meetings will include: Bioregional Mapping, Transportation Assets and Barriers, Transportation Meeting, Project Goal Setting, Design Workshop, Plan Review, Plan Presentation, and Implementation Planning. Much of this information was reviewed at the initial kick-off meeting in November, but some of the committee members were not able to attend and this review helped to serve as a refresher.

Time was also spent updating the communication strategies list. After the kick-off meeting, the committee came up with other ideas of groups, locations, etc. that would be good to alert or to post information about the Visioning work. Leslie updated the communication strategies list and it is included below.

Dave Mast helped Leslie review the local geography map and confirmed that the city limits shown are correct.

The committee also spent time talking about the survey that was sent to a random sample of Colfax residents. Leslie showed the committee the postcards that community members receive to notify them of the survey and encourage them to respond. Committee members should let people know about the survey and encourage them to send the survey back to Iowa State. Doug sent the press release to the newspaper and the release will be printed in next week's paper (week of January 18). Leslie will keep the committee updated about the number of survey's that have been received.

The committee also decided to hold the Community Visioning meetings in conjunction with the Hometown Pride meetings (held the third Tuesday of each month) as many times as possible. With this, the next Community Visioning meeting, where Bioregional Mapping will be discussed, will be held on February 16 at 6:30pm.

The committee next spent time discussing the Transportation Assets and Barriers meeting. The steering committee selected the day, April 16, 2016, to hold the Transportation Assets and Barriers meeting. Karla is checking to see if the meeting can be held at the high school. On

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March 15 at 6:30pm, the committee will meet to plan recruitment strategies for the April 16<sup>th</sup> focus groups. The goal of this phase of Community Visioning is to get a broad representation of community members and to better understand their needs in the community. This will be accomplished by inviting people who represent different demographics: seniors, active adult recreation users, and parents and children. Members of the steering committee will also participate in the process. To begin, each group will start indoors where they will sit around a map of Stuart and point out specific assets and barriers in the community related to transportation. The individual will then go outside with a camera enabled with GPS to take pictures of the areas they talked about during the indoor session.

### Upcoming meetings

February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm – Bioregional Mapping

March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm – Plan for Transportation Assets and Barriers

April 16<sup>th</sup> time TBD – Transportation Assets and Barriers