

Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

Community: Colfax

Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Leslie Berckes

Date and Time: July 27, 2016; 6:30-8:00pm

Meeting Length: 1.5 hrs

Location: Colfax United Methodist Church

Design Review

Number of committee members in attendance: 7

Visioning Committee Members Attending: Pete Parvi, Linda Darrock, Doug Garrett, Dave Mast, Kim Seebeck, Karen Russell, Travis Cook
Leslie Berckes (Trees Forever), Bruce Niedermyer and Sara Davids (RDG)

Summary:

The Steering Committee met on July 27 to review the designs that RDG developed based on Colfax's goal setting process. The meeting began by discussing where Colfax is in the Community Visioning process – after the Preliminary Presentation of designs, the next meeting will be the Public Presentation, then the Feasibility/Implementation meeting, and finally an Implementation/Celebration meeting. At that point, the committee and other community members will begin the process of implementing the Community Visioning projects. Trees Forever will continue to be available for support after the formal Visioning process is complete.

The majority of the meeting was spent with Bruce presenting the preliminary designs to the committee. This meeting allows the committee to give their feedback prior to the final designs being put together and presented to the public. The concept designs that were presented included: an enhanced entrance to town off I80 and onto Hwy 117 with wildflowers, new lighting, and a center turn lane; enhanced downtown intersections with trees, bump outs, narrower lane widths, etc.; a recreation loop and safe route to school connecting the east and west sides of town; and an improved crossing from the city maintenance shed to the soccer fields.

Examples of the designs are included below and a PDF of the boards were sent to committee members so they could review at their leisure. After Bruce went through each board, time was given for committee members to ask questions and provide suggestions. The suggested changes that were given during the meeting will be incorporated before the public presentation.

The committee also discussed plans for the Public Presentation. The presentation will be held in conjunction with the Colfax-Mingo High School football game on September 9th. The committee will setup the Visioning boards before 6:30pm. The boards will be setup until or shortly after the varsity football game starts. Bruce and Leslie will be at the presentation to support the committee members as they explain the ideas that were developed during Visioning. Comment cards will be available for community members to offer ideas and suggestions and to volunteer to help with projects. The public presentation is a good time to solicit help from community members to implement projects.

Leslie spoke with the committee members about marking their calendars for November 10th when the Iowa's Living Roadways Celebration is hosted in Ames at the Gateway Conference center. This will be a time for the committee to see the ideas that were developed in other communities and learn how towns are

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funding/implementing their projects and more. All committee members are invited to attend and the community boards should be at the event.

Upcoming Meetings

- Public Presentation of Designs (Entire community invited to attend. Committee members should be there so that they can discuss the designs with community members) – **September 9th at Colfax-Mingo Football Game, 6:30pm**
- Design/Feasibility Report (Committee to attend) – **TBD, end of Sept.**
- Implementation Meeting (Committee and any key members of community who will assist with implementation) – TBD
- Iowa's Living Roadways Celebration (All committee invited to attend) – **November 10, 2016**

North I-80 Entrance Corridor: Proposed + Center Turning Lane



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Downtown District, E. Howard St. & Hwy 117: After

