

Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

Community: Garrison

Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Patty Reisinger

Date and Time: May 17, 2016 3 to 3:30pm

Meeting Length: 1/2 hour

Location: Fire station

Meeting #4 Transportation meeting

Number of committee members in attendance: 4

Names of committee members in attendance: Teresa Meyer, Steve Young, Angela Dague, & Allan Lindsay.

Others in attendance: Meg Flenker (Flenker Land Architecture Consultants) Patty Reisinger (Trees Forever), Doug Kearns (Garrison City Council), and Myron Parizek (Benton County Engineer).

Meeting Summary: We met around a map of Garrison and reviewed the list below. A few comments are noted below. Contact information follows at end of document.

We noted the city limits are different than on the current map.

There are native plants along the railroad tracks planted as part of a restoration project.

On the edge of town you can see remnants of the tile factory.

The road through town is a county road with a 28E agreement with the city. The city maintains the road. About 2007 the road was resurfaced.

Snow drifting is not a major problem in Garrison, except by the ballfield on the north side of town.

Engineer's office suggests no trees in the clear zone.

Hinkle Creek washes the road out.

No maps exist of the storm drains.

Possible Things to Discuss or Map

Natural Features

- Native plant remnants or restorations
- Water features – drainage areas, retention areas, flooding concerns, wellheads
- Snow drifting or ice problems

Cultural Features

- Existing or proposed trails, pedestrian/bike routes
- Truck routes
- Special road use designations – heritage byway, scenic byway, etc....
- Sign ordinances
- Amenities such as roadside parks and interpretive signs

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Management and Maintenance

- Safety issues – clear zones
- Style of management – IRVM (Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management) or other?
- Current and Future issues in maintenance for the area

Big Changes

- Change in road alignments
- Borrow areas
- R-O-W boundaries
- Backfill/altered soils

Next meeting: Goal setting at 6:30pm May 17.

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