Iowa's Living Roadways community visioning

# Meeting Minutes

**Community:** Greene

**Meeting Title:** Steering Committee Orientation (_SC_Orientation)

**If Other:**

**Meeting Number:** 1

**Trees Forever Facilitator:** Meredith Borchardt

**Minutes Completed By:** Meredith Borchardt

**Meeting Date:** Monday, January 23, 2017

**Meeting Location:** The Coffee Baa, Greene

**Meeting Time (Start-Finish):** 6:00-7:30 pm

**Meeting Length:** 1.5 hours

**Number of Committee Members in Attendance:** 10

**Names of Committee Members in Attendance:**

Andrea Ramker, Jami Backer, Emily Ascher, Sue Ebensberger, Miranda Joebgen, Pat Derdzinski, Megan Swick, Alexis Stirling, Lauren Hawker, and Alex Mathers

**Number of Non-Committee Members in Attendance:** 1

**Names of Non-Committee Members in Attendance:**

Meredith Borchardt (Trees Forever)

**Meeting Summary:**

Tonight was the first committee meeting in the community and we began with introductions and an overview of the program. Jami, Sue, and Emily shared highlights from the November statewide celebration event in Ames, including an aerial map discussion, meeting some Nashua Visioning committee members, and sharing ideas at the round table discussions. Meredith shared a power point overviewing the program's goals, partners, meetings, and project ideas from past participating communities. We then looked at an aerial map of the community that was first used in Ames to identify common landmarks such as businesses, churches, schools, and parks. This led into a discussion of some observations and potential project ideas:

• The Shell Rock River and associated recreational opportunities are big assets to the community, bringing in many boaters. Some amenities currently limited for this group include camping and fuel.
• Intersection of Highway 14 and C13/South Street – potential new business(es) going in, could address this changing entrance to the community
• Entrance signs – some are more visible than others
• Walking trails- a perimeter trail could extend from Old Highway 14 to the cemetery; rest areas, benches, and/or work out stations could be added along the Old Highway 14 trail
• Perrin Park is a large community greenspace, could work on connecting trails from it to other greenspaces, improving accessibility, addressing flooding in playground area

## Meeting Summary (cont.)

Next we looked at the newly renovated Community Visioning website. Each current community has their own page (www.communityvisioning.org/greene). It is meant to be an outreach tool to the community telling about upcoming events, as well as a repository of information. There is also a "Showcase" tab to view past projects, as well as a "Resources" tab that has press releases and fliers that can be used to promote meetings. At the Ames meeting some basic instructions were given to participants on adding events. We'll continue to revisit the website as we move throughout the process.

Meredith handed out an overview of the meeting process and we briefly talked about each meeting. Greene's annual town celebration is River Days, held in early June, a good possibility for the design workshop. We discussed and set the following future meeting dates:

- Bioregional mapping, Feb. 20, 6:00, The Coffee Baa, this is a steering committee meeting that will involve exploring several different maps of the community generated from ISU
- Committee planning meeting, March 6, 6:00, The Coffee Baa, this is a steering committee meeting to plan for the upcoming TAB (Transportation Assets and Barriers) Workshop and other meetings
- TAB (Transportation Assets and Barriers), Saturday, March 18, this is a public input session, where we'll invite six different demographic groups to come at different times throughout the day (youth, parents, older adults, active recreationists, people with mobility impairments, and the steering committee) to answer questions related to how they use the transportation system, barriers they encounter, and assets to the community

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.