

Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

Community: Hampton
Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Jeff Jensen
Date and Time: January 12th 2016
Meeting Length: 1.5 hrs
Location: Franklin County ISU Extension Building
Meeting Number and Title: Local Committee Kick-off

Number of committee members in attendance: 19

Names of committee members in attendance: Paul Flint, Kristina Raisch, Emilio Valenzuela, Ally Hanson, Kennedy Reynolds, Spencer Clark, John Krull, Riley Flint, Maguire Flint, Valeria Gonzalez, Brook Boehmler, Ron Dunt, Dyanne Pralle, Newton Grotzinger, Donnis Borcharding, Crystal Cross, Jim Davies, Randy Westhoff, Susan Wulf, and Jeff Jensen (Trees Forever)

Meeting Summary:

After reviewing the agenda and introductions, Trees Forever Field Coordinator Jeff Jensen presented an overview of the Visioning program and process. The goal of Community Visioning is to make a local transportation plan that fits each community's unique assets and challenges. The process is built on the needs of local residents, local geography, and transportation planning.

As part of the Visioning process, the committee and design team create concept plans that respond to local values and ideas and develop workable implementation strategies. The partners in the program include a Trees Forever Field Coordinator (as facilitator and process expert), the local Steering Committee (local advocates, resource experts and decision makers; the steering committee engages others in the community at strategic points in the process), and a private-sector landscape architect (expert planner and designer). The "silent" partner is the Department of Transportation, which funds the program and provides behind-the-scenes guidance and support.

The Community Visioning process is built around three major phases:

- **Inventory** – mapping local geography to understand places in your community, investigating natural patterns and processes that affect transportation systems, and learning about transportation use and needs of residents with focus groups
- **Goal Setting and Design** -- working with the landscape architect to review and overlay Inventory maps, then identifying priorities for improvement to guide community planning and design.
- **Implementation Planning** –working with information provided in the provided feasibility report, and considering community support and external support available to move ahead, the committee will prioritize projects and will plan for implementation and sustaining their forward momentum.

Next, the committee reviewed the local geography map highlighting important districts in town and key points throughout the community.

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After reviewing the local geography, Field Coordinator Jeff Jensen gave a short presentation on communication strategies. Getting the community involved at strategic points in the Visioning process and keeping the larger community informed about progress is another important factor in long-term success.

Next the steering committee started planning for the transportation assets and barriers assessment. After reviewing what each assessment entails, the committee decided on Feb. 20th at the Hampton United Methodist Church starting at 7:30 a.m. (for committee members) and 9:00 a.m. for the first group.

We brainstormed individuals to invite for each focus group and developed a list along with who is responsible for contacting them. Jeff shared with the group how the simple handout could be used to remind folks, and he will update the template and send to the group. He can also put together some fliers to hang around town.

The steering committee discussed the next meeting date and agreed on Thursday, Feb. 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Building.

Next meetings

- Thursday, Feb. 18th at the Extension Building starting at 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Feb. 20th at the Hampton United Methodist Church, starting at 7:30 a.m.

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