

# Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

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**Community: Hampton**

**Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Jeff Jensen**

**Date and Time: April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Length: 1 hr**

**Location: ISU Extension Building**

**Meeting Number and Title: Pre-Pre-goal setting**

**Number of committee members in attendance: 9**

**Names of committee members in attendance:** Paul Flint, Dyanne Pralle, Newton Grotzinger, Sally Van Wert, Crystal Cross, Susan Wulf, Brody Bertram, Kristina Raisch, Valeria Gonzalez, and Jeff Jensen (Trees Forever)

## **Meeting Summary:**

The Hampton Visioning Committee met on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> to plan for upcoming assessments, committee meetings, and the design workshop. Trees Forever field coordinator Jeff Jensen informed the group that the Landscape Architects (L.A.'s) would like to structure the goal setting meeting and design workshop back to back so that the committee would meet with the L.A.'s on an evening, then stay over to start designing the majority of the next day. The key will be trying to find a community event that the committee can piggyback with to drive turnout and maximize citizen feedback during the design workshop.

With those parameters in place, the committee quickly gravitated towards Tuesdays in the Park, a weekly event on Tuesday evenings in June. The Chamber hosts the event and it typically draws 150-250 attendees each week. The committee looked at potential Tuesdays in June and ranked their preference choice as June 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and then 28<sup>th</sup>. This means the goal setting meetings would be the Monday evening before (June 13<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, or 27<sup>th</sup>.) Jeff advised he would get with the L.A.'s to see if they had a preference.

Next the committee discussed promoting the event and getting good citizen engagement. It was suggested we get a press release in both the papers. The radio station could do an interview with one of the committee members. The Chamber can put it on their FB page and committee members can put on their own FB pages and share that way. Newt mentioned a newsmaker piece that he does. Jeff will draft a press release and flier and send it to the group.

We talked about logistics of doing design work in Bandshell Park. The consensus was that we could set-up a tent just like the other vendors; we would also have power.

Jeff updated the group on planning for the transportation meeting that was scheduled for Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at city hall. He advised that all of the key players he invited have confirmed they can attend. The purpose of this meeting is to get city, county, and regional DOT officials together to discuss transportation planning issues coming up in the next 5-10 years. The full list of confirmed attendees is shown below:

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Landscape Architect –Eric Doll  
Hampton City Administrator – Ron Dunt  
Hampton Public Works Director/St Dept. – Doug Tarr  
Franklin County Conservation Board - Brody Bertram  
Franklin County Conservation Board Director – Jason Gooder  
Franklin County Engineer – John (Jay) Waddingham  
DOT District Planner – Krista Rostad  
North IA COG – Chris Diggins

The next item on the agenda was spending some time reviewing the focus group map and developing some themes from the feedback that was developed. The committee enjoyed reviewing the locations, pictures, and comments from the focus group participants that did the mapping exercise. The themes that developed from this review are shown below:

1. Trails
2. Entryways
3. Parks
4. Main St. Courthouse Square

The committee decided the next steering committee meeting would be Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at the ISU Extension building starting at 4:30. The goal of that meeting will be to review some additional assessment data (the surveys that were done in Jan. & Feb., the survey results, and results of the transportation meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>), prepare for goal setting and design workshop, and plan for later public events this summer/fall.

## **Next meetings**

- Steering Committee Meeting - Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 @ ISU Extension Building
- Steering Committee Goal Setting – Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. @ ISU Extension
- Design Workshop – Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. location TBD

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