Community: Kalona

Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Dustin Hinrichs

Date and Time: Thursday January 21, 2016

Meeting Length: 1.5 hours

Location: Kalona Public Library Meeting Room

Meeting Number and Title: Community Visioning Kickoff and Local Geography

Number of committee members in attendance: 10

Names of committee members in attendance: -- Sean Cortum, Gloria Hochstedler, Ed Raber, Phil Ropp, Jenelle Bender, Mark Robe, Joe Schmidt, Anthony Spitzer, Mary Zielinski, Craig Spitzer, and Dustin Hinrichs (Trees Forever)

Meeting Summary:

This was the initial meeting for the Kalona Community Visioning committee. Dustin began by welcoming the group and recapping what took place at the Community Visioning Kickoff event in Ames on November 20. He then reviewed the overall community visioning process with the group and made sure those in attendance understood the process. Next the group discussed the surveys that are being mailed out to residents in and around Kalona and it was mentioned that two of the committee members had received the post cards notifying them that they'd be receiving the survey.

Next Dustin discussed the next meetings that need to happen and some possible dates were thrown at for the next committee meeting and also for the Transportation Assets and Barriers focus groups. The group will get a date fixed in the next week.

The final task of the day was the local geography exercise where the group helped identify important landmarks in Kalona and also corrected a number of errors on the base map provided by Iowa State. Dustin facilitated the session, recorded notes on the map, and recorded the group audio digitally for Iowa State to use.

Next meeting date/time TBD.