

Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

Community: Kalona

Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Dustin Hinrichs

Date and Time: Saturday March 19, 2016 from 9 am to 3:30 pm

Meeting Length: 6.5 hours

Location: Kalona Community Center

Meeting Number and Title: Transportation Assets and Barriers Focus Groups

Number of committee members in attendance: 8

Names of committee members in attendance: Ryan Schlabaugh, Jenelle Bender, Sean Cortum, Gloria Hochstedler, Mark Robe, Anthony Spitzer, Craig Spitzer, Mary Zielinski, and Dustin Hinrichs (Trees Forever)

Meeting Summary:

The Kalona focus groups were well attended and the Community Center provided a great location for the day. During the event at the Community Center, where the four primary focus groups were conducted, Sandy Oberbroeckling facilitated an additional focus group at the Kalona Historical Museum with members of the Amish community. That information will also be compiled and then included in the final boards for Kalona.

After some time for set up, the first focus group began at 9:00 am. Dustin Hinrichs, Scott Timm, and an intern from Iowa State University (Henry) facilitated the groups throughout the day. The steering committee hosted the day and provided refreshments and a noon meal for the committee and ISU crew. The schedule for the day was as follows, with the number participating in parentheses:

9:00 – Senior Citizens (10)

10:00 – Parents and Children (27)

11:00 – Active Recreationists (10)

1:00 – Steering Committee (8)

3:00 – End of the day wrap up, view map (20)

About 20 people attended a wrap up session at the end of the day from 3:00 to 3:30 pm. ISU Interns showed the map of compiled pictures, already linked to the communityvisioning.org website. Highlights included the desire for improved sidewalks, and the desire to connect different residential sections of the community to the City's many parks and destinations.

The next meeting for Community Visioning in Kalona will be the transportation meeting, date is currently being determined. Date will likely be in mid to late May and not all committee members will need to be in attendance for this meeting. More details will be shared as soon as the date is set.