

Community: Kalona

Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Dustin Hinrichs

Date and Time: July 12, 2016 at 6 pm

Meeting Length: 2 hours 15 minutes

Location: Kalona Community Center

Meeting Number and Title: #9, Preliminary Concepts Overview/80% Meeting

Number of committee members in attendance: 6

Names of committee members in attendance: Sean Cortum, Jan Peterseim, Phil Ropp, Ryan Schlabaugh, Craig Spitzer, Ben Curtis, Dylan Jones (Bolton-Menk), Hannah Schmitz (Bolton-Menk), and Dustin Hinrichs (Trees Forever)

Meeting Summary:

Evening began with a brief introduction from Dustin Hinrichs and then Dylan and Hannah (design team from Bolton-Menk) reviewed the design work done to date on the proposed projects. As the design team projected the images on the wall they explained the overall context of the different drawings, designs, and image edits and then opened up the floor for the group to make comments. There are a total of nine project boards that were presented. Here are the comments recorded during this discussion:

Trail connections and routes

- Remove extra “stub” of trail on J Avenue
- Concrete trail surface used in the city limits
- Asphalt trail surface used outside of city limits
- Asphalt and crushed limestone trail options requested for Kalona City Park loop trail – utilize concrete at areas where amenities are located (waste receptacles, benches, water fountains, etc.)
- Addition of some ground-level lighting options for park loop trail, but not an overhead lighting system for the trail
- De-emphasize parking lot pedestrian crossing into Kalona City Park on South side of E Avenue
- Show trail/sidewalk along west side of North parking lot in Kalona City Park down to D Avenue entrance

Memorial to Veterans and Public Servants

- Discussion of location of memorial in relation to the existing ash tree, can the tree be saved while still installing a substantial memorial or does the tree need to be removed and replaced? Decision was made to keep the tree for purposes of design
- Draft plans to be presented to the Veteran’s Committee for input and guidance as to the design and location of the site and get back to design team by July 18/19
- Site should be accessible to visitors in wheelchairs
- Addition of etched pavers (fundraising campaign idea)
- Group wants to keep the greenspace/planting component of the design

Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

Greenspace/Park at B Avenue and 3rd Street along creek

- Group interested in possibly removing the rock/limestone access steps to the creek but possibly price as a separate effort for the future development of the spot

B Avenue Streetscape

- Parking lot for Beatty & Peterseim Funeral and Monument at B Avenue and 2nd Street could benefit from addition of bump-out and street trees to help with traffic flow
- Addition of pedestrian crossing lines in image edit
- No brick inlay/stamped concrete, to be changed to grass right of way in image edit
- Possible addition of shared use lane marking in image edit

Kalona Cooperative Technology Company/City Open Space Lot

- Remove gazebo from image edit
- Include water feature and/or statue in central sidewalk convergence on west side of space
- Addition of bike racks to the space
- Possible addition of Max-Cast metal sculpture as well

Presentation has been shared with the rest of the steering committee and the group has one week to provide input to the design team.

Our next meetings will be the feasibility report presentation and then the public presentation. Both meetings will likely take place in late August (August 27, Kalona City Celebration for the public presentation) or in September.