
Community: Manning
Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Brad Riphagen
Date and Time: 22 February, 2016, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Meeting Length: 2.0 hours
Location: Timmerman Shelter House, City Park

Bioregional Meeting

Number of committee members in attendance: 8

Names of committee members in attendance: Geri Spies (Primary contact), Tammy Eberly, Brad Benton, Cory Arp, Karen Reinke, Ridge Muhlbauer, Jason Christensen and Jamie Blum.

Others attending: Brad Riphagen (Trees Forever Field Coordinator).

Summary:

I started the meeting with brief overview of the Visioning process as three of those attending hadn't attended the previous meeting. I then explained what we hoped to accomplish during this meeting and how it was a piece in the assessment process leading to the goals they will set. The room was set up to have three stations, generally, historic development, vegetation (past, present, etc.) and water (watershed, groundwater, overland flow, etc.). The committee split into three groups and spent 20 minutes assessing, making some observations concerning, and answering a series of questions about their specific maps. After each group had worked with their maps we gathered everyone and then went as a group from station to station with each of the groups presenting what they had observed to the entire committee.

Some interesting observations were: When the atlas was made Manning did not exist as a community, the historic vegetation was prairie (even along the river no trees are shown), depth to water table is evident in the extent of much of the development with most construction taking place where the water table is deeper than 6 feet, there was a lot of discussion around the extent of the watersheds and how much water flows into and through the community, lastly they noted the change in land cover and vegetation from the historic condition with concrete, buildings and trees now major parts of the landscape. The general feeling from everyone was that they had learned a lot and found the exercise interesting.

We wrapped up with a reminder that the next meeting is scheduled for March 16th, where we will be laying out the details for the Transportation Assets and Barriers workshop on April 16th. Meeting ended by 8:00.