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**Community: Manning**  
**Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Brad Riphagen**  
**Date and Time: 16 April 2016, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**  
**Meeting Length: 6.5 hours**  
**Location: Manning Public Library**

### **Transportation Assets and Barriers Workshop**

**Number of committee members in attendance: 8**

**Names of committee members in attendance:** Geri Spies (Primary contact), Dawn Rohe, Jamie Blum Brad Benton, Jean Behrens, Cory Arp, Marsha Clausen, and Karen Reinke

**Others attending:** Brad Riphagen (Trees Forever Field Coordinator), Sandra Oberbroeckling (ISU), and 5 ISU interns

#### **Summary:**

Geri opened the Library for myself and ISU Interns by 8:15. We then began taking over the entire library, setting up two focus group locations, a sign in table and area to train on the use of the cameras. The area was a little confined, especially for the camera training but we were able to get a workable solution.

Shortly before 9:00 the Seniors group began arriving, they were divided into 2 groups as there were 15 of them, Sandy led one group and I led the other. At 10 the Parents and Children arrived, and we had a good predicament, there were enough for two sessions of each. So two interns as well as myself and Sandy led the 4 groups, with one of the parent groups meeting in a building across the street from the Library. At 11 the committee was scheduled and Sandy led them through the exercise. We then had a half hour break for lunch, which was provided by the Manning committee, sloppy joes and pulled pork and assorted sides. At 12:30 the Active Recreationists came in, I led this group of 10 through the questions. After they headed out with their cameras we set up the large room for a presentation of the camera results at 3:00.

Some of the responses from the groups I was involved with were; they talked about the value of the existing trails and need for more, wanting to do something on the old hospital site (sits on the Main street and 141 corner), also looking at highlighting the railroad trestle, and overall better access via walking to the many amenities in the community.

At 3:30 approximately 15 people came back to see the presentation, which was focused on the results from the photos that the different groups had taken during the day. The photos showed many opportunities for change and positive aspects of the transportation system in Manning. Positives included the existing trails and amenities such as the HouseBarn, Opportunities highlighted two intersections on 141 which are difficult to cross with either cars or walking due to visibility. Other opportunities were sidewalks and some areas along the river. The Interns did a good job of showing those in attendance how to access this information online, and some of the many ways to sort through it. We wrapped up at 3:30 and were headed for home by 4:00.

Total number of participants for the TAB focus groups was 57.