
Community: Manning
Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Brad Riphagen
Date and Time: 28 June, 2016, Noon to 7:30 pm
Meeting Length: 7.5 hours
Location: Timmerman Shelter

Design Workshop

Number of committee members in attendance: 8

Names of committee members in attendance: Geri Spies (Primary contact), Tammy Eberly, Harvey Dales (Mayor), Jamie Blum, Jean Behrens, Cory Arp, Marsha Clausen, Karen Reinke, and Dawn Rohe.

Others attending: Community residents (other than committee members) attending throughout the day and presentation in the evening (15) also attending Jennifer Cross and Anne Hundley (LA's RDG), Ashleigh (LA Intern), and Brad Riphagen (Trees Forever Field Coordinator).

Summary:

The workshop was divided into four parts: First, we started at noon with a tour of the sites that were talked about during Goal setting, including downtown, Great Western Park and the new Trestle Park site. We carpooled using two vehicles with 5 committee members in attendance to guide us and talk about each of the areas and what they hoped to see. Pizza was provided for the group prior to leaving on our tour. As always seems to be the case when we visit Manning something has changed or is being worked on, in this case the old grain bins at the Trestle park site had recently been removed and concrete was being removed with rough grading taking place.

Second, after completing the tour Jenn, Anne and Ashleigh began work on showing what some of the goals could visually look like. We also were able to bring in Kim John with the hospital to discuss their plans for the former hospital site at the corner of Main St. and Hwy 141. John Ode with the city also came in briefly to give them a clearer understanding of how the entrance to the Trestle Park will work, the design for the shelter, and utility info. The design team had to work rather quickly as we planned to show the committee their progress by 5:00 pm.

Third, the committee (7 of them) met with the design team to review the progress and comment on whether they were headed in the right direction or needed to make revisions. They had preliminary work done on Great Western Park, Trestle Park, the Hospital site, Hwy 141, and wayfinding signage (this was something that had come out in discussions during the tour and will now be included as part of the goals). There were two options presented for the Hospital greenspace with much discussion around the existing parking and phasing, the committee decided on one option. They liked the ideas for the Trestle Park, signage and Great Western park.

Lastly, we had a presentation of the days results for the community with 17 attending (including committee members). I gave a brief intro emphasizing the efforts that the committee and design team have put forth to get to this point. Jenn took it from there and led the presentation of the design ideas. The business owner who will share the Trestle park drive questioned truck access, which Jenn indicated they have designed for, considering standard turning radiuses and erring on the conservative side. The business owner also offered an unused area of his ground to improve access for those camping near the river to the shower facility. There were some concerns expressed about being able to develop the area owned by the hospital, but the ideas were still presented and will be included in the final plan. Those in attendance seemed pleased with the ideas and were told about the Community Presentation of the final plan scheduled for July 28th.

Meeting adjourned around 7:30. Next meeting is preliminary plan presentation for the committee on July 18.