
Community: Manning
Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Brad Riphagen
Date and Time: 6 June, 2016, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Meeting Length: 1.5 hours
Location: Timmerman Shelter

Pre-Goal Setting Meeting

Number of committee members in attendance: 8

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

Others attending: Jennifer Cross (LA RDG), Ashleigh (LA Intern), and Brad Riphagen (Trees Forever Field Coordinator).

Summary:

We meet at the Timmerman Shelter house, where I laid out the various maps and information pieces that had been completed to this date. They included the bioregional maps with comments made by the committee during that meeting, and the many maps and interpretive boards from the Transportation Assets and Barriers (TAB) meeting. My goal for this meeting was to refamiliarize the committee with some the work they had done and to introduce them to the results from the TAB meeting, so they can be better prepared to set goals in a couple days.

We spent half hour to 45 minutes just walking around and reading through the boards on our own or in small groups. I then spent the remainder of the time working through each of the pieces assembled and had them share their thoughts concerning what was being presented. They came away with a better understanding of their community and what some of the residents would like to see: better connections, beautification, and greenspace.

Next meeting is Transportation on the 8th at 3:00 pm.

Community: Manning
Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Brad Riphagen
Date and Time: 8 June, 2016, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Meeting Length: 1.5 hours
Location: Manning City Hall

Transportation Meeting

Number of committee members in attendance: 5

Names of committee members in attendance: Geri Spies (Primary contact), Dawn Rohe, Tammy Eberly, Harvey Dales (Mayor), Jamie Blum

Others attending: Dakin Schultz (Iowa DOT), Dave Paulson (Carroll Co. Engineer), John Ode (Manning Public Works), Jennifer Cross (LA RDG), Ashleigh (LA Intern), and Brad Riphagen (Trees Forever Field Coordinator).

Summary:

We met at City Hall, I made initial introductions and gave a brief summary of the Visioning Process to date. All in attendance have been involved in one way or another in the past including the County Engineer. I then turned the meeting over to Jennifer, who used Trees Forever's general question sheet to guide the discussion. Jennifer and Ashleigh mapped the responses of the participants on a Manning aerial map. Some of the topics discussed were vegetation in Rights of ways, snow and flooding issues, intersections of concern, current and future construction, sidewalks along Hwy 141 and how to make a safe trail connection across Hwy 141. The state does plant native vegetation in all new construction and does some replacement of existing vegetation with natives, the county doesn't currently have a program to plant natives in their roadsides. There were no major snow or flooding issues from the state or county perspective in and around Manning. Within the community there are localized issues with both drifting snow and temporary flooding during large rain events. There are two main intersections that the committee has concerns with, 141 and Main, and 141 and Center, both have been analyzed by the DOT following the previous Visioning work in 2012. Crossing warning lights have been installed at 141 and Center, but the committee is concerned that they are not particularly visible. They would like to upgrade the lights to something similar to the ones installed at 141 and East Street, which are much more visible when triggered by a pedestrian trying to cross the highway. This seemed like a workable solution to those in attendance. Some other things that the committee plans to pursue are sidewalks along Hwy 141 to give residents better access to businesses both east and west of downtown, and also using the river bridge as a possible crossing point for the community trail. Also under consideration is changing Hwy 141 from a 4 lane road through town to 3 lanes.

Things the city is currently working on are a new bridge over Willow Creek on south Main street, a bridge over the Nishnabotna River as part of their trail system, and a trail connector from the new hospital to Great Western Park and across M66 east to connect with the Park trail. There was also some general discussion of a regional trail connect to the east (Coon Rapids) on railroad ROW, some abandoned some currently in use.

Meeting covered a lot of info, and adjourned at 4:30.

Community: Manning
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Date and Time: 8 June, 2016, 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Meeting Length: 1.5 hours
Location: Timmerman Shelter

Goal Setting Meeting

Number of committee members in attendance: 11

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, Dawn Rohe, Jason Christensen, and Brad Benton.

Others attending: Jennifer Cross (LA RDG), Ashleigh (LA Intern), and Brad Riphagen (Trees Forever Field Coordinator).

Summary:

Following the transportation meeting we reconvened with the steering committee at the Timmerman Shelter House. We spent the first 15 to 20 minutes figuring out scheduling for the Design workshop, Preliminary presentation and Community Presentation. Design Workshop will be the 28th of June, starting with a tour at noon and wrapping up with a community presentation at 6:30, Preliminary presentation was scheduled for the 14th of July (rescheduled for July 18), and the Community Presentation of the Plan will be on July 28th.

Next we spent roughly a half hour reviewing the assessment work that had been completed to date, Bioregional mapping, Transportation Assets and Barriers, and Transportation from earlier in the day. The committee members were encouraged to present on the bioregional maps and any others they felt comfortable doing. We spent the majority of our time focused on digesting the TAB maps and getting a good understanding of all that they were presenting.

Lastly, Jenn led the group through a discussion of what they saw as their goals for Visioning, what areas of the community they wanted to focus on. They had a lot of good discussion, especially around how to tie various parts of the community together and better utilization of the river. The general goals to be worked on at the Design Workshop: further possibilities on Hwy 141 (more pedestrian friendly), Main Street/Downtown amenities, Better ties to Great Western Park, and Design of the new Trestle Park. The committee was pleased with the goals and will reconvene on the 28th for the Design Workshop. Meeting finished shortly after 6:00.

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: 9

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.