
Community: Manning
Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Brad Riphagen
Date and Time: 28 July, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Meeting Length: 2 hours
Location: German Hausbarn

Final Presentation Meeting (for the community)

Number of committee members in attendance: 8

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

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

Summary:

Prior to the start of the meeting we arranged the presentation boards around the outside of the room, including primarily the project boards but also some of the assessment boards that we had space to include. The members of the committee provided a light meal, crackers, cheese and meat and some desserts. As people arrived shortly before 5:00, they would sign in and be directed to view the various boards. While residents viewed the boards either committee members, Jenn, Ashleigh or myself would ask them if they had questions and discuss with them the ideas presented.

At 6:00 Jennifer and Ashleigh gave a more formal presentation of the plans, discussing the assessments and going through the goals which led to the final plans. They then went through each board individually taking questions as they were presented. There was much discussion around the proposed ideas at the corner of main and 141 on the hospital ground and also about the possible additions to Main Street. Lastly, we spent a lot of time discussing the design of Trestle park. This area is a blank slate and committee and community are excited about the proposed additions and improvements to the north end of town and along the Nishnabotna River.

The general reaction from those in the community was positive and looking forward to see some more results. We had a total of 43 participants, community members and committee members. We wrapped up at 7:00. Next meeting is Feasibility Report presentation on August 24.