

Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

Community: Monona
Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Patty Reisinger
Date and Time: June 17, 2016; 11:30am to 3:20pm
Event Length: 4 hours
Location: community Center
Meeting # 8; Goal setting and tour

Number of committee members in attendance: 9

Names of committee members in attendance: Rogeta Halvorson, Barb Collins, Craig Schmidt, Fran & Gary Passmore, Shirley Seitz, Craig Schmidt, Jim Langhus & Dan Canton.

Others attending: David Stokes, Eric Doll and Sam Thompson (Jeffrey L Bruce & Company) Patty Reisinger (Trees Forever)

Meeting Summary: 11:30am – 1:30pm Goal Setting

We started the meeting by celebrating Dan's birthday! The committee shared results of the inventory processes with the design team as a kick off to the goal setting meeting.

Short summaries were shared by the people listed below.

TAB: Emerging Themes: Board 4c—Craig Schmidt

TAB: What People Said: Board 4b—Shirley Seitz

TAB: How to Use Your Map: Board 4g— Barb Collins

TAB: Assets and Preferred Routes: Board 4e—Fran Passmore

TAB: Analysis of Barriers: Board 4d—Jim Langhus

TAB: Desired Improvements: Board 4f—Rogeta Halvorson

Parts of presenting the workshop posters conversations included: concern about the amount of lighting in Gateway Park. Concern about light pollution was also raised. People want more trails and sidewalks. More wayfinding signs, more trees. A bike rack at City Hall. Barb showed a wayfinding sign that had failed with weather stress. Getting a place to cross the railroad tracks has been an issue. People want to connect parks and make a town loop. Kids bike to school and other destinations like the pool and parks. Some people bike old highway to Luana, it is a narrow road.

The next process was to fill in a chart outlining community values. Each person received a page to fill in community values based on what was learned from the workshop and previous meetings. Each person filled in their page, then as a group, all shared ideas to complete a larger chart used to help focus the design work. The page had the title: Goal setting: assessing and programming community needs. Below is the summary.

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Community value based on assessment:

City Park / Gateway Park

Broad-based outcomes / goals.

- Provide ADA accessibility facilities.
- Green infrastructure. Playground equipment.

Why change anything?

- City Park has outdated facilities.
- Gateway, no facilities. (What - restroom / shower)

Community values based on assessment:

Trails

Broad-based outcomes / goals.

- Expand existing trails.
- Add new trails
- Paved
- Perimeter loop
- Trail lighting (ped level)
- Enhanced plantings (pollinators / habitat)
- Implement a trailhead

Why Change anything?

- Longer safer route to school
- More opportunity for walking / biking
- Promote health / fitness
- Bring more visitors to town
- Attractive to new home owners

What exactly & where?

Community values based on assessment:

Wayfinding / signage

Broad-based outcomes / goals.

- Brand "Monona"
- Wayfinding signage
- Add sign on North and East
- Stone entry columns (pillars)
- Larger Directional Signage (2011 locations)

Why Change anything?

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What exactly & where?

Community values based on assessment:

Roads

Broad-based outcomes / goals.

- Repave oldest roads
- Go after funding
- Improve intersection visibility (pavements / plants)

Community values based on assessment:

Safety

Broad-based outcomes / goals.

- Downtown lighting
- Sidewalks (add improve, clean)
- Traffic calming (reduce speed)
- Improve mobility / ADA accessibility
- Highway & street crossing

What: Taller poles @ major intersections

Community values based on assessment:

Pride

Broad-based outcomes / goals.

- Beautification (Downtown plantings – pots)
- More trees Tree lined streets
- Improve / add amenities (trash / recycling)

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Community Values Based on Assessments	Broad-Based Outcomes/ Goals	Why Change Anything?	What Exactly and Where?
CITY PARK/GATEWAY PARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PROVIDE ADA ACCESSIBILITY FACILITIES • CEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE • PLAYGROUND EQUIP 	CITY PARK — OUTDATED FACILITIES GATEWAY — NO FACILITIES	CITY PARK — SAME LOCATION GATEWAY — RESTROOM/ SHOWER
TRAILS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXPAND EXISTING TRAILS • ADD NEW TRAILS • PAVED • PERIMETER LOOP • TRAIL LIGHTING (FED LEVEL) • ENHANCED PLANTING (POLLENATORS/HABITAT) • IMPLEMENT A TRAIL HEAD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LONGER/SAFER ROUTE TO SCHOOL • MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR WALK/BIKE • PROMOTE HEALTH/FITNESS • BRINGS MORE VISITORS TO TOWN • ATTRACTIVE TO NEW HOME OWNERS • BETTER ACCESS TO RESOURCES 	
WAYFINDING/SIGNAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRAND "MONONA" • WAYFINDING SIGNAGE • ADD SIGN ON NORTH AND EAST • STONE ENTRY COLUMNS (PILARS) • LARGER DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE (2011 LOCATIONS) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEE 2011 EMAIL
ROADS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REPAVE OLDEST ROADS • GO AFTER FUNDING • IMPROVE INTERSECT VISIBILITY (PAVEMENT/PLANTS) 		
SAFETY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOWNTOWN LIGHTING • SIDEWALKS (ADD, IMPROVE, CLEAN) • TRAFFIC CALMING (REDUCE SPEED) • IMPROVE MOBILITY/ADA ACCESSIBILITY • HIGHWAY AND STREET CROSSINGS 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TALLER POLES @ MAJOR INTERSECTIONS (SAB'S FORM)
PRIDE Monona Goal Setting: Assessing and Programming Community Needs <small>Landscape Architect: Dawn Hobbs, Eric Dahl, Jeffrey L. Proulx and Company 114 Madison Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50319 www.dawnhobbs.com</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEAUTIFICATION/DOWNTOWN PLANTINGS (POTS) • MORE TREES/TREE LINED STREETS • IMPROVE/ADD SITE AMENITIES (TRASH/RECYCLING) 		IOWA'S LIVING ROADWAYS <small>© 2016</small>

Community Tour:

(Plan was 1pm to 2pm) The tour actually ran 1:45pm—3:20pm

The community tour was next. Rogeta and Jim took David, Eric, Sam and Patty on a tour of Monona. Jim drove the suburban for the tour. We used the list of locations created at the last meeting to guide our exploration. Several stops were made along the way to allow for more exploration, discussion and take photographs of the site. We had an extended stop at the Butterfly Garden & Trail. We learned about its development, planting and care.

We adjourned at the Community Center. The design team stayed longer to work on a few ideas to share with the group early the next morning.

Next meeting:

June 18, 2016

Monona Community Center

Design Day

7am (work time 7am to 2pm)

2pm Presentation of day's work

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Community: Monona
Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Patty Reisinger
Date and Time: June 18, 2016; 7am to 3pm
Event Length: 8 hours
Location: Monona Community Center
Meeting # 9 Design Day

Number of committee members in attendance: 11

Names of committee members in attendance: Rogeta Halvorson, Kerrill Schmidt, Craig Schmidt, Fran & Gary Passmore, Shirley Seitz, Pam & Pat Malanaphy, Jim Langhus, Barb Collins, & Connie Halvorson.

Others attending: David Stokes, Eric Doll and Sam Thompson (Jeffrey L Bruce & Company) Patty Reisinger (Trees Forever)

Meeting Summary: The design day was included in Monona Hay Days and took place in the Monona Community Center. The pancake breakfast was served in the same building so a good mix of residents were able to view and participate in the design day. Sixty-five people stopped by the visioning table to talk with the design team or looked at the project concepts on display. (130 people were served at the breakfast.) The pancake breakfast was a fundraiser for the Butterfly Gardens & Trail. After enjoying a hearty breakfast people reviewed work in progress by the design team. Steering committee members were assisting with the pancake breakfast and directed many residents to stop by and look at the proposed concepts.

At 2pm an afternoon presentation was given to show the work on the proposed concepts. Nine people attended. Today's design day is the half way point for the committee in the series of planning meetings in the Iowa's Living Road Community Visioning planning process. Additional meetings will be held in Monona late summer and fall. The project images were based on the values and goals of Monona residents. Project themes included; city parks, trails, wayfinding, roads, safety and community pride. Images were shown in drawings and a PowerPoint. Concepts showed improvements to trails, parks and roadways. Trail ideas included a trailhead at Butterfly Gardens & Trail and a looped trail system around town. More work will be done on the proposed concepts by the design team before the next meeting.

Press following the day event reached more residents about the design day. The Monona Visioning Design Day was included in the community press announcement thank you.

Next meeting:

August 4, 2016, 5pm at Monona library