

Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

Community: Monona

Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Emily Swihart

Date and Time: May 26, 2016; 5:00pm

Event Length: 1.5 hour

Location: Monona Library

Meeting Number and Title: 7; Planning Design Workshop Meeting

Number of committee members in attendance: 7

Names of committee members in attendance: -- Rogeta Halvorson (primary contact), Kerrill Schmidt, Craig Schmidt, Connie Halvorson, Fran Passmore, Shirley Seitz, Pam Malanaphy, Emily Swihart (Trees Forever), Patty Reisinger (Trees Forever)

Meeting Summary:

Swihart welcomed everyone and outlined the goal for the meeting as planning the details of the June Goal Setting, Community Tour and Design Workshop events. The committee has been working to host the Community Visioning events in conjunction with the Monona Hay Days Celebration. The schedule for the events is as follows.

June 17

11:30am – 1:00pm Goal Setting

The committee will present results of the inventory processes to the design team as a kick off to the goal setting meeting. The committee will prepare a 2-3 minute presentation based on their selected Transportation Assets and Barriers boards (list is below) and other information obtained throughout the spring inventory processes and knowledge about the community. These presentations are meant to start a dialogue and inform the following goal setting discussion and process. The committee emphasized that there may be repeating information brought up during these presentations, that is okay and an indicator of the priorities of the community. If anyone needs assistance in preparing for the presentation, they are to contact another committee member and work as a team. Trees Forever facilitators are also available for assistance.

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

TAB: Emerging Themes: Board 4c—Craig and Kerrill Schmidt

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

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

TAB: Desired Improvements: Board 4f—Rogeta Halvorson

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

Rogeta offered to follow up with Jim, Dan and Barb since they were unable to attend the meeting and ask if they are comfortable presenting the information. Swihart left 11x17 scale boards with each person to use as they prepare for the presentation; Rogeta will bring the full scale posters to the event on June 17.

1:00pm—2:00pm Community Tour

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Rogeta and Jim will take the Design Team and Patty Reisinger of Trees Forever on a tour of the community to call out areas that have been identified by the community as significant areas of interest or importance throughout the inventory processes. Jim has offered to organize transportation in the form of a suburban type of vehicle so everyone is able to travel together; there are approximately 7 people planning to attend the tour.

The committee developed a list of areas to hit on the tour and an approximate route to take beginning at Gateway Park, circling the community clockwise and ending near the school/Butterfly Garden/Aquatic center. The list of locations to visit in order of the route is as follows:

- Gateway Park*
- New Industrial Park
- Potential annexation area near Casey's south of the highway
- Highway corridor from Gateway Park to Spruce Street
- Garden View entryway from the highway*
- Potential future residential area to the north near W. Center Street
- Funeral Home area/parking
- Luana Highway/potential trail connection*
- Old water tower
- Downtown area including lighting, parking and plant materials*
- N. Residential area- potential pond area
- City Park, historic tree and restroom ADA issue*
- Butterfly Garden*
- Aquatic Center*
- Bike Park*
- School*

The asterisk next to a location indicates an area that will likely warrant a stop on the tour where the group is able to get out of the vehicle and look at the site.

June 18

6:15am Community Workshop Set-up

Community Center is open for set-up. Community members serving as a part of the Pancake Breakfast will be at the Community Center so the Community Visioning team can arrive as needed after 6:15am to prepare for a 7:00am Workshop start time.

7:00am Community Design Workshop

The design team will be available for comment and to receive feedback from the community members and committee members. Committee members will be working the breakfast and encouraging people to visit the design team. Other committee members will be at other community events throughout the day also encouraging folks to stop by the Community Center. All committee members will be stopping into the workshop throughout the day to view designs, answer questions the design team may have and provide feedback. A variety of

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restaurants and food vendors will be available in close proximity to the Community Center so dinner will be left to the individual to determine what sounds best and work with others present to determine the best time to eat.

2:00pm End of the Day Design Work Presentation

As community residents come and go throughout the morning and early afternoon hours, committee members should encourage folks to return for a presentation of the designs as they are at the end of the event. A summary presentation will be given by the design team from 2:00pm until 3:00pm at the community center.

In addition to general promotion of the event on Hay Days poster, the committee will spend the next few weeks promoting the event to the various clubs, businesses, and contacts in and around the community.

In preparation for the event, there were a number of tasks to do between now and the event. A partial list is below- the committee is encouraged to go above and beyond when it comes to promoting and preparing for the event.

- Everyone- prepare to present/discuss information collected through the spring inventory events (Transportation Assets and Barriers workshop, Transportation Officials meeting, and Bioregional mapping exercise).
- Everyone- follow up with those folks you asked to participated in the Transportation Assets and Barriers event regardless of if they did participate or not
- Everyone- print and distribute posters advertising the event (once received from Patty)
- Rogeta- resending the list of Transportation Assets and Barriers recruitment list
- Rogeta- working with local media outlets including the newspaper, news cable, and bank marquee to promote the event, using the press release as appropriate
- Jim- organize transportation for the tour
- Patty- sending the committee the poster and press release with details provided by the Community Visioning program
- Emily and Patty- work together to invite transportation officials to the event

Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Next meeting:

June 17, 2016, 11:30 am at Monona Community Center