

Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2015

Community: Stuart

Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Leslie Berckes

Date and Time: January 5, 2016; 5:30-6:45pm

Meeting Length: 1.25 hours

Location: The Depot

Steering Committee Planning Meeting

Number of committee members in attendance: 9

Names of committee members in attendance: Kristen Renslow, Pat Howey, Terri Hommer, Mike Morgan, Jenyse Belden, Lynsi Pasutti; Leslie Berkces (Trees Forever)

Summary:

The Steering Committee Planning meeting started with the facilitator, Leslie Berckes of Trees Forever, introducing herself and the process. A presentation was given that ran through the entire Visioning program. Meetings will include: Bioregional Mapping, Transportation Assets and Barriers, Transportation Meeting, Project Goal Setting, Design Workshop, Plan Review, Plan Presentation, and Implementation Planning. Much of this information was reviewed at the initial kick-off meeting in January, but some of the committee members were not able to attend and this review helped to serve as a refresher.

Time was also spent updating the communication strategies list. After the kick-off meeting, the committee came up with other ideas of groups, locations, etc. that would be good to alert or to post information about the Visioning work. Leslie will update the communication strategies list and provide this to the committee for review at the next meeting.

The steering committee also reviewed the local geography map that had been supplied by Iowa State. It was determined that the edits the committee had provided during the kickoff event in November had not been updated on the map. Leslie checked with Iowa State and the updated map will be available for upcoming meetings. Mike also sent the city boundary maps to Leslie.

Leslie will send a doodle poll for scheduling the Bioregional Mapping meeting – this meeting will be held in February. During this meeting time will be spent brainstorming potential project ideas.

The committee next spent time discussing the Transportation Assets and Barriers meeting. The steering committee selected the day, April 9, 2016, to hold the Transportation Assets and Barriers meeting. In March, the committee will meet to plan recruitment strategies for the April 9th focus groups. The goal of this phase of Community Visioning is to get a broad representation of community members and to better understand their needs in the community. This will be accomplished by inviting people who represent different demographics: seniors, active adult recreation users, and parents and children. Members of the steering committee will also participate in the process. To begin, each group will start indoors where they will sit around a map of Stuart and point out specific assets and barriers in the community related to transportation. The individual will then go outside with a camera enabled with GPS to take pictures of the areas they talked about during the indoor session.