

Tama/Toledo Joint Community Visioning Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 3, 2022 – 5 p.m.

Tama Civic Center

Present: Denise Fletcher, Karen Mixdorf, Lori Baier, Dot Zmolek, Shelly Riley, Warren Riley, Marilyn Rippy, Darvin Graham, Clint Werner, Stuart Eisentrager, Judy Welch, Amy Doyle, Anne Michael, Trudy Koch, Mark McFate, Jon Weger, Travis Mullen, Larry Thomas, Cheryl Bruene, Katherine Ollendieck

Welcome and Introductions

February Region 6 & DOT meeting updates: Hwy 63 will be moved to 3 lanes - Cities will need to pass resolutions - this will take a couple of months. Time Frame? Earliest to get bids would be summer of 2023 - early June be done by the time school started.

Grant through the DOT - Could fund lights - due mid August

The state is recommending a light to go back on 63 and 9th street as well as a light on 63 and 16th.

My Hometown Tama - focusing on improving downtown and increasing business.

The better you can inform the DOT and what you want/need the better they can help you.

April Walkability workshop introduction - Opportunity to learn the principles of a walkable community. After 15 minutes you share your recommendations. Think of this as a multiyear conversion. We are just laying the foundation of all the pieces to improving our community. **April 7th - 5pm** start at the Weiting, walk to the new MS site and then down to business 30. A lot of potential! **WEAR YOUR WALKING SHOES!** There will be a digital flier shared with Denise and Karen.

Denise is applying for an AARP grant for the intersection of business 30 and Broadway.

Invite the councils to join our April Walkability meeting.

Your municipality is your strongest asset.

Iowa State University in Tama County - Food Access in Tama County - What are we doing to address food needs in the county. What can we do to make food more accessible? Mobile food pantry - Also for the northern towns where they do not have a food pantry. Grow a row. Grow produce and donate to the food pantry. They will be distributing tomato plants in the community. Always looking for ways to educate people and bringing things to them. A salsa workshop in June. Healthy and homemade workshop - how to cook - from scratch. They'll go home with a crockpot at the end of the workshop.

They are working on little free pantries. A class at GMG is constructing these free pantries. They are hoping to distribute them around Tama County.

Next meeting: April 7th at 5pm WEAR YOUR WALKING SHOES!