Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway
Corridor Management Plan Meeting
Boone County Area

April 20, 2015
Boone County Historical Society

Meeting Notes and Community Member Input

How has the Lincoln Highway enhanced your community up until now? What are some of the assets of your community?
- Nic O Let Park - cabins flowed down the river after a storm
- 150th Anniversary of Boone
- Downtown walking tour
- New website about Boone history
- Group with interest in oral histories, including LHA members
- Mamie Eisenhower
- River valley - tourist cabins, Duncan’s Station
- Two artesian wells in river valley
- Remains of Olympic sized swimming pool in river valley, 15-ft. deep end, drained to river
- Cabins on both sides of the river
- Some parts of Lincoln Highway you can’t get to now
- Monuments, including Lincoln Highway markers
- Imperial Gas Station - old islands still there
- Shamrock is gone now, but was notorious for truckers in the 1940s
- Chamber has done a county asset inventory
- Kate Shelley Bridges
- Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad
- Batten Chapel Church - Hickory School
- Spring Lake Park
- Historic photos and pictures
- Moss Markers - Moss was wounded and Lincoln visited him, on his return he constructed the markers
- John Fitzsimmons’ relatives graded the original Lincoln Highway route from Missouri Valley to Vail
- Merrill Tam’s story about his dad’s gas station: Once the new highway opened, there was no traffic on the older roads. Even as a child he knew that the town had changed

What could the Lincoln Highway mean to your community in the future? What ideas do you have?
- Kiosk about the Lincoln Highway in the river valley
- Electric car travel across the state - support electric car travelers
- More paths, trails, walking, biking, hiking connections
- Historical Society buildings with kiosks - Mamie Eisenhower, and building to the north
- Kiosk with scannable codes or dial a number for more information
- High Trestle Trail success - tie into it
- Increase in the Arts and connections
• Enhance the story/connection to President Lincoln
• Highlight specialty shops downtown
• Create experiences for the traveler and visitor (like, for example, Galena)
• Red & Blue Line through town
• GPS points mapped and used to direct travelers
• Nathaniel Boone monument - mapmaker for the Dragoons

**Intrinsic Qualities Identified**

**Historic:**
- Marion Street gas station - moved to E26
- John Fitzsimmons’ property contains some historic buildings moved there
- Moingona site
- Depot moved in from Berkeley
- Ghost town of Beaver
- Kit House
- Sears Roebuck house in Ogden near roller rink, moved in from Beaver
- 60+ historic houses in Boone - Don Mondt, resource
- Fraser Cemetery - not marked
- Billboards
- John Fitzsimmons’ house located at Dragoon Trail waystation

**Natural:**
- Ledges State Park
- Seven Oaks
- Iowa Arboretum
- Don Williams Park
- Numerous camps
- Des Moines River Valley
- Mining sites - Boone Hill
- Mining Museum

**Archaeological:**
- Lincoln Highway markers
- Boone Mound
- Arrowheads and tomahawks

**Scenic:**
- River Valley
- Barns and windmills
- Wetlands
- Glacial moraine
- Monarch butterfly migration
- Pelicans
- Increase in birds
- Cicadas

**Cultural:**
- Pufferbilly Days
- Native American history
- Railroad heritage
- Race track
- Dragoon Trail and markers
- Fraser once had a larger population than Boone and had a large African American population
- Hobo culture in area and along railroad
- Boyd Williams Park
- Seven Oaks
- Canoeing
- Golf courses
- Motorcycles
- Classic car groups
- Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad
- Camp Mitigwa
- Stratford Folk Fest