Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway
Corridor Management Plan Meeting
Greene County Area

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Greene County Historical Society Museum

Meeting Notes and Community Member Input

How has the Lincoln Highway enhanced your community up until now?
- Lots of tourism
- Historical significance of earlier years - brought in goods / demise of railroad
- Grand Junction businesses: Ralph’s Mobil, Control Central Cars & Things
- Lincoln Highway was entertaining: For example, motor tours, sitting at courthouse watching
- A&W, Fairgrounds, other historic sites on the Lincoln Highway
- Lincoln Highway banners
- Bike or Run the Lincoln Highway event idea
- People on tours like antiques, museums, old gas stations, hardware stores
- Military Convoy in 1919, reenactment possible
- Watching traffic, out of state cars was fun

What could the Lincoln Highway mean to communities in the future?
- Byway signage bringing more travelers into town
- Preserving buildings along the route
- Bike or Run the Lincoln Highway event idea
- Murals/public art
- Greater emphasis on saving buildings and getting funding
- Deep Rock Station had an impromptu reenactment of how a gas station used to operate, could be more of these events in the future
- Getting travelers off Hwy. 30, I-35, I-29, etc. and onto the byway
- Bus tours - school buses taking local residents across Greene County
- Greene County stops for bus tours from out of the area
- Businesses have stickers or signs for the Lincoln Highway
- Lincoln Highway Association - grassroots efforts in each town
- Jefferson has nice gardens, smaller communities are working on green spaces, these could be highlights of the road
- Interpretation or handouts explaining what is happening with corn/agriculture for travelers, for example at Ethanol plant
- The energy story - interpreting wind farms
- Converting old gas stations to electric car charging stations
Intrinsic Qualities Identified

Historic:
- Greene County Courthouse
- A&W
- Library
- Scranton Water Tower
- Earl Wampler - boxer from Scranton
- Bryce Paup - football player from Jefferson
- Eva Leonard - Ziegfeld Follies entertainer from Grand Junction (her parents owned businesses along the Lincoln Highway)
- Lincoln Hotel
- Gas station in Scranton
- 2 canopy gas stations in Grand Junction
- 2 canopy gas stations in Jefferson
- Several historic bridges in the county
- Cemeteries along the byway and pioneer cemeteries in the area
- Fairgrounds
- Stagecoach ruts
- Squirrel Hollow - second oldest county park in Iowa, WPA work
- Spring Lake Park
- Railroad Depot
- Concrete stadium
- Post Office murals
- Courthouse murals
- Lincoln statue
- George Gallup - pollster from Jefferson

Natural:
- Rivers
- Parks
- Dunbar Slough
- Perkins Prairie
- Tipton Prairie - original, never been touched
- Goose Lake - potholes
- Spring Lake
- Gravel Pits

Cultural:
- Bell Tower Festival
- Theater
- RVP 1875
- Library
- Museums
- Casino
- Public art
- Indian artifacts in museum
- Barn quilts
Recreational:
- Bike trail
- 3 golf courses
- Seven Hills Park - sledding park
- Canoeing on the Raccoon River
- Henderson Park
- Daubendiek Park
- Bell Tower Festival

Archeological:
- Indian mounds
- Pioneer cemeteries
- Coal mines
- Tile
- Soil types

Scenic:
- Rural Iowa views
- Agriculture
- View from the Bell Tower
- Different seasons
- Thomas Jefferson Gardens
- Grand Junction garden
- Barn quilts
- Historic barns and corn cribs