Meeting Notes and Community Member Input

How has the Lincoln Highway enhanced your community up until now?
- Maintained population
- Many different stories - the thread that ties them together
- Brings tourism, brings in tours, brings people to businesses
- Preserves history
- Pulls in people searching for different types of history
- Connects interested residents with their own communities
- Lots of local interest/flashbacks to past
- Connects communities together
- Motor tours bring people in/antique vehicles
- Brings people from around the world/brings people to town that residents can meet
- Farm to Market road

What could the Lincoln Highway mean to communities in the future?
- Could show younger generations the value of recycling/reuse/preserving
- Saving farmland and resources
- Revenue generator for businesses and communities, potential for lots of tours
- Promote Lincoln Highway as a relaxing way of travel, but that’s still convenient to faster highways
- GPS points - GPS triggered audio, points of interest, share the points of interest listings for maps/Internet
- Relationship with Silos & Smokestacks - Lincoln Highway could become a similar resource for its communities
- Combining historical resources (accurately) with a profitable business
- People flocking to restored historical attractions
- Bicycling/Parallel bike trails, wide shoulders, etc.
- Share the friendliness of rural Iowans with travelers (opportunity to promote Iowa)

Challenges Identified
- Losing historic spots
- Properties in disrepair (for example, former tourist park west of Marshalltown by Albion)
- Tama Lincoln Highway Bridge is threatened
Intrinsic Qualities Identified

Historic:

- Sac & Fox Settlement (owned)
- Quakerdale Ranch
- Shady Oaks
- State Center Main Street (“Historic Row”) with 1895 grocery, depot, one-room schoolhouse, barbershop, 1937 gas station
- Reed-Niland Corner
- Jefferson Highway and Lincoln Highway intersection
- Colo Bogs
- Marshalltown - Carnegie Library now a Green Library
- Stones Restaurant and pickle factory building
- Marshall County Courthouse
- Blacksmith shop
- Mormon Ridge
- Dobbins Round Barn
- 2 Iowa Barn Foundation Tour barns in State Center area
- Marietta Sand Prairie
- West Main Street houses in Marshalltown
- Iowa Veterans’ Home
- Williams Brothers Home (owners of Marshalltown Trowels), now owned by the Hydes

Natural:

- Green Marshalltown Library
- Marietta Sand Prairie
- Colo Bogs
- Carl Kurtz
- Grimes Farm
- Hickory Grove Park
- Wind Farms
- Bald eagles in area

Cultural:

- Meskwaki Settlement
- State Center Rose Festival, Nevada Lincoln Highway Days, Colo Crossroads Festival, other festivals
- Pioneer and other cemeteries

Recreational:

- State Center Rose Festival, Nevada Lincoln Highway Days, Colo Crossroads Festival, other festivals
- Marshalltown Oktemberfest
- Marshalltown waterpark
- Bike path - Marshalltown to Eldora
- Colo Bogs/Hunting
- Iowa River Corridor
- Grimes Farm
- Lincoln Valley Golf Course
Archeological:
- LeGrand Quarry, oldest quarry in Iowa

Scenic:
- East of Montour
- Lincoln Valley Golf Course
- Farms and rows of crops

Stories told about the Lincoln Highway by attendees
- Amusement park along the Lincoln Highway, west of 330
- Used to plant corn in multiple patterns
- Lincoln Highway garages in multiple towns
- Used to be tourist camps everywhere
- Was a sister service station to Niland’s in State Center