



**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

Scenic:

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

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

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

Recreational:

- Trails
- Fishing
- Don Williams Park
- Seven Oaks
- Canoeing
- Golf courses
- Motorcycles
- Classic car groups
- Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad
- Camp Mitigwa
- Stratford Folk Fest