



**Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway  
Corridor Management Plan Meeting  
Story County Area - Nevada**

**May 5, 2015  
Nevada Public Library**

**Meeting Notes and Community Member Input**

**What are the important locations or assets of your community along the Lincoln Highway or in the Lincoln Highway Corridor?**

**Historic:**

- Story County Fairgrounds- community building 1930's maybe a WPA project
- Downtown on National Register in 2003 (during 150th town celebration)
- Evergreen Lane/Briggs Terrace - has Victorian home, carriage house, and outbuildings but also Child Family Log Cabin and Halley 1-Room Schoolhouse
- Dyer-Dowell Home (first jail-on 5th Sat)
- Historical Society Museum
- Maxwell Museum
- Freedom Rock to be painted in Maxwell this year
- Tourist Camp at east side of town - privately owned.
- Was Radiator shop by tourist park a gas station?
- Iowa Center location
- Original Route marked
- Historical Society trying to get approved by Silos and Smokestacks

**Natural:**

- Up I-35 near the scenic overlook, a marker telling about a family losing their life while trying to outrun a prairie fire.
- Story County Conservation- Hickory Grove Lake
- Marshes
- Renowned Day Lily Farmer
- Biomass/Ethanol plants
- Wind Farm
- Colo Bogs

**Cultural:**

- Lincoln Highway Day Festival
- 7th Day Adventist- has elementary school- used to have a high school too but it is closed. South end of town had their school, houses for the teachers, and their church
- Talent Factory- in old Camelot Theater, has live shows of musicians, comedians, etc. privately owned
- Coin and Stamp Show in Gates Hall
- ABWA Craft Fair- 2nd weekend in November- High School and Gates Hall
- Neva Patterson- actress- was in "Desk Set" with Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, in "An Affair to Remember", and played Buddy Holly's mom in "The Buddy Holly Story" and MANY TV shows and other movies
- During Christmas - Parks and Rec has Breakfast with Santa and a Festival of Trees

**Scenic:**

- Heading out of State Center heading to Nevada, heading through underpass- rolling hills, curves in road
- Cars would have had a hard time making it up and down the hills one attendee remembers - 35 mph speed limit was the law and people coming in with 51 cent ration stamps when he worked at a filling station

#### Archaeological:

- Pioneer cemetery- near Hickory Grove on west side of lake.
- Larry Krupp has a few old cars.
- Ken Huffaker has 2 old cars.
- Many area farmers have antique tractor collections- Komer Johnson is one

#### Recreational:

- SCORE park (Story County Recreation for Everyone)- soccer fields, ball diamonds by pool

- Fawcett Aquatic Center
- Harrington Park- disk golf, skateboard park
- Hickory Grove Park- camping, fishing
- Bike Trails
- Hertz family donation on South 11th - Park
- Indian Creek Country Club
- Sports Bowl
- NABR Bike Ride (Nevada Annual Bike Ride) - 1st weekend in May

#### **What could the Lincoln Highway mean to your community in the future? What ideas do you have?**

- Identify important sites in each town- what sets each town apart
- Have more motor tours, military caravans. Can feed them at Gates Hall.
- There are 3 antique stores now (2 started just this year). Maybe be known for these types of stores.
- Host RAGBRAI again- did come through about 6-8 years ago.
- Junk-its, Garage sales- Community wide one is June 5-6 this year.
- Economic opportunities- we have some restaurants, a hotel, one bed and breakfast (Queen Anne at 1110 9th St)
- Jefferson Highway and Lincoln Highway conjoin at Colo and travel into Nevada.
- There are a few empty storefronts to fill.
- Houses are being built in Indian Ridge, but they aren't affordable. Need affordable housing.
- Historical Society hosts Man-Cave tours, Cemetery Walks, and during Christmas season- Historic Home Tours. They also do Victorian Teas in May and Murder Mystery Dinners a few times a year.
- Historic Preservation has done a historic home inventory and surveyed most of them.

#### **Other Comments:**

- Story County Planning and City of Ames Planners had ideas a few years ago and wanted to make changes to the LH. Hired an outside consulting firm to make drawings, etc. Ames approached the couple across from the ethanol plant about annexation.
- 580th and LH has too many accidents as it is. If Nevada really gets their entrances/exits changed to only 19th St and Airport Road, it will increase traffic on LH and this intersection is deadly as it is.
- Trucks need to find another way to Barilla.