



**Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway
Corridor Management Plan Meeting
Crawford County Area**

**April 27, 2015
Norelius Community Library, Denison**

Meeting Notes and Community Member Input

How has the Lincoln Highway enhanced your community up until now?

- Lincoln Highway was named after the president - Lincoln owned land in Crawford County. He was a land surveyor and received the land as payment for the Black Hawk War.
- Eisenhower traveling on the 1919 Army Convoy stopped here
- Cronk's Café
- Streets were named with tree names, not numbered

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

- A chance to link to past adventure - old car tours
- Lincoln Highway tells a story, the byway can preserve the story
- A nice park with kiosk and interpretation about Denison
- Streetscaping
- More people leaving the interstate and coming to smaller towns and local businesses
- Events - Motor Iowa visiting seven towns this year and going in the other direction next year with different towns
- Museum, tourist camp, and gas station restored/interpreted
- Replica of monuments or 1928 markers - potentially available to have individuals or businesses sponsor or reinstall them
- Work with scouts as was done in the 1920s
- Passing lanes on hills to aid in comfortable travel
- Audio tours (like done at Yellow Smoke)

Intrinsic Qualities Identified

Historic:

- Rural meat industry - collector streets coming in and going to Omaha. Iowa Beef Processors started here and then transported the beef
- McHenry House
- Cronk's
- Dow City - Doll House
- Donna Reed
- Cabin at park
- Stagecoach Road by Vail - Jesse James laid up there
- Yellow Smoke Park
- County Home - original on east side of river, burned down and rebuilt on west side
- Cemetery
- Air Aviation

Natural:

- Boyer River
- Railroad route
- Mississippi-Missouri Divide between Carroll and Denison
- Most northern point on the entire Lincoln Highway coast-to-coast
- Hills
- Loess deposits

Cultural:

- Diversity
- Agricultural

Scenic:

- Road to Dunlap
- Top of hill by Job Corps
- Crab trees
- Looking down on valleys
- Fall colors

Archaeological:

- Buffalo slaughter area - Dragoons
- Indian encampment along river; found campfires and bones from meat they ate there

Recreational:

- Trails
- Yellow Smoke Park - 4.5 mile trail
- Nelson Park by Dow City
- Racetrack
- Aquatic Center
- Washington Park
- Golf courses
- Boyer River - canoeing
- County Fair, rodeo
- BBQ in September
- Fourth of July
- Back Road Bash - country music