

Community Design Program



Tom Lewis from the Treynor city council spoke to the Optimist Club on February 11. He has been on the city council for two years.

The Iowa Architectural Foundation was formed in 1989 to promote awareness and appreciation of architecture and design in Iowa. It is now called the Community Design Program and focuses on making communities in Iowa more welcoming. More than 20 Iowa communities have participated in the program. Iowa West Foundation provided a \$5000 grant to Treynor to help the city develop a plan for the future. The city has contributed an additional \$500.

A team composed of landscape and building architects, community planners, civil engineers, graphics artists, and ISU students is working on a plan for Treynor. The focus is Highway 92 from the East to the West end of Treynor. Community input is requested in a meeting February 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Treynor Community Center. The goal is to complete the plan by April.

As a member of the Treynor city council, Tom would like to develop a better brochure to promote the city. The city website also needs an upgrade. Treynor is a member of the Iowa League of Cities and plans to join the Western Iowa Development Association in July. Both organizations help cities promote themselves.

Tom grew up in Omaha, attending Creighton Prep. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in Engineering in 1991. He works for Omaha Public Power as a mechanical engineer. His responsibility is to try to make buildings more efficient. He is married and has a 7 year-old daughter.