



## Grinnell Hosts Community Design Team

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**Grinnell, Iowa** – A park, fountain, and veterans building were the focus of an intense day-and-a-half workshop in Grinnell, held in June. “People in Grinnell had been talking about Central Park for years—what they like and don’t like, and how they’d like to see it improved,” said Bill Menner, Executive Director of Poweshiek Iowa Development, located in Grinnell.

Grinnell participated in the Iowa Architectural Foundation’s *Community Design Program* in the hopes of finding new solutions to what they viewed as an underutilized city park with accessibility problems.

*Community Design Program* team members, comprised of design professionals, Iowa State University Design students, city officials, and concerned citizens came together on June 16-17, 2005 to explore ideas such as widening the sidewalk for Grinnell’s popular Farmer’s Market, giving the Veterans Memorial Building a facelift and building a replica Walter Burley Griffin-designed fountain in the Northwest corner of the park.

The ideas and visions laid out by the group were presented to the community during the Walter Burley Griffin Society’s annual meeting being held in Grinnell on June 17. Grinnell is now planning to make the ideas presented at the workshop a reality. “The *Community Design Program* helped us to visualize what’s possible, allowing us to better share that vision,” says Menner of the program.

For more information on the *Community Design Program*, please visit [www.iowaarchfoundation.org/cdp](http://www.iowaarchfoundation.org/cdp) or call 515-244-1888.

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