



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

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AGENDA

February 20, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

Hannah Center, Room 211

819 Abbot Road

1) OPENING

- A) Roll Call
- B) Approval of Agenda

2) COMMERCIAL NODES DISCUSSION

- A) Lake Lansing corridor
- B) Harrison/Michigan intersection
- C) Grand River/Hagadorn intersection
- D) Downtown
- E) Northern Tier
- F) Other

3) ADJOURNMENT



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Quality Services for a Quality Community

MEMORANDUM

TO: Economic Sustainability Steering Committee Members

FROM: Lori Mullins, Community Development Administrator
Timothy R. Schmitt, AICP, Community Development Analyst
Heather Pope, Community Development Specialist

DATE: February 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Economic Sustainability Meeting

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At the January Steering Committee meeting the Steering Committee had a good discussion about the current Goals, Objectives, and Actions as they relate to Economic Sustainability. Some of the key discussion points were as follows:

- MSU is the driver in East Lansing, how do we build and sustain the momentum from campus
- Surface parking lots in the downtown are underutilized. What is their future? Development? Parks? Other?
- How do we change the function of 'mixed-use' buildings outside of the downtown to encourage other uses than student housing?
- The downtown area should be expanded 2-3 blocks to the north in some areas.
- How do we connect mixed-use nodes and neighborhoods?
- What support can the City provide to spin off businesses from the FRIB as it comes on line?
- What does it take to retain retirees from MSU in the community?
- The City should find ways to go more vertical with developments, where appropriate
- The downtown needs a rebalancing of commercial use types

Along with a whole list of smaller topics that Staff is looking into.

At the February meeting, we hope to focus on the commercial nodes in the City and apply some of these questions and thoughts on a more specific geographic scale. We will not be talking directly about the goals and objectives at this meeting, but discussing other items, in an effort to gain knowledge towards the goals, objectives, and actions. If you have any questions in advance of the meeting, please let Staff know.