



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

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MEETING SYNOPSIS

January 30, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

Hannah Center, Recital Room
819 Abbot Road

Present: Altmann, Gore, Hagan, Hudgins, Jones-Fisk, Martin, Olsen, Russell, Secor, Terrien, and Van Fossen

Staff Members: Irwin, D. Schmitt, and Schlusler

1) OPENING

- A) Roll Call
- B) Approval of Agenda

2) GOALS AND OBJECTIVES EXERCISE

- Need programs to help seniors “age in place”
- Need incentives for universal accessible development in mixed use buildings
- Continue to monitor parking requirements to further reduce the number of required parking spaces where data can justify the reduction
- Add sidewalks and crosswalks where missing between neighborhoods
- Historic Districts-how to reduce the burden of the cost of making improvements under the requirements of the State standards
- In favor of loosening requirements that prevent homeowner improvements to homes such as additions
- Revisit Historic Boundaries to add properties that are of Historic value and eliminate those that are not.
- Snow removal is problematic when students are not in town during winter break
- How to address student rental houses if they become less appealing and possibly vacant as new denser student housing is constructed.
- Streetscape is important. Neighborhood identity signs and street trees add to the character of the City.
- Do we have data on the number of beds in East Lansing and the number of beds on campus
- Is there a way to make the transfer of rental licenses economically feasible?
- Senior Housing opportunities are needed near the University
- Concerned about public facilities being used for private purpose

- Need universal design in all developments
- Need to add height and density to land use map
- Need both income qualified and market rate rental properties

Documents Requested for next Meeting

- Provide noise violation ordinance
- Provide data on owner-occupied to renter-occupied
- Provide information on affordable housing such as how it is calculated through HUD
- Provide information on student rental costs in East Lansing-
- Provide maps showing rental information, such as Class, non-conforming conforming, year property first received a rental license.

3) ADJOURNMENT