



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

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MEETING SYNOPSIS

February 26, 2014 – 4:30 p.m.

East Lansing Hannah Community Center
819 Abbot Road, Room 211

1) OPENING

- A) Roll Call
- B) Approval of Agenda

2) STAFF REPORTS

- A) Presentation of Senior Housing Survey Final Report

The Steering Committee received the results of the Senior Housing survey. In early 2013, the Friends of the East Lansing Seniors' Program, in partnership with the Prime Time Seniors' Program and the City of East Lansing, applied for and received a \$5,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission as part of the Community Reinvestment Fund, which is administered by the Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council. The Steering Committee discussed the results of the survey as it related to their previous discussions on the need for senior housing and where it should be located.

- B) Presentation of East Lansing Student Resident Demographic Data

The Steering Committee received the results of the student mapping project. The Planning Department the Office of Governmental Affairs at Michigan State University have been collecting demographic data on students and their housing since 2007. In 2013, an intern was brought on board to map and sort through the data. The Steering Committee discussed the project and the implications it has on community engagement and student behavior.

3) GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ACTIVITY

The Steering Committee discussed a number of new topics that they wanted to incorporate into the Comprehensive Plan, along with reviewing the existing Objectives and Actions. The new topics included:

- "Adult" entertainment: How do we attract/incorporate more adult oriented business, rather than having only businesses that cater to the student population.

- Universal design should be incorporated into all new construction, to attract a wider variety of potential residents.
- We need further programming and efforts to make the City inviting for the growing international student contingent at Michigan State University.
- How to we better utilize City owned properties, specifically, the third floor of the Hannah Community Center?
- The City should help students take a more proactive approach to street harassment issues.

4) ADJOURNMENT