

**Manistee City Planning Commission
70 Maple Street, Manistee, MI 49660**

WORKSESSION NOTES

October 18, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ray Fortier, David Kelley, Phil Picardat, John Serocki, and Roger Yoder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Davis, Greg Ferguson, Tony Slawinski

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Adams (LSL), Dan Reed (LSL), Jon R. Rose (Community Development), and Denise Mikula (City Staff)

Worksession began at 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Master Plan Update

Filer Township Master Plan Review

Jerry Adams and Dan Reed reviewed the Draft copy of Filer Township's Master Plan and Land Use Map. LSL has spoken to the consulting firms that are working with Filer and Manistee Township. They have reviewed the plans for areas that do not blend that adjoin the township properties. At this time nothing of concern has been found. Discussed how important it is to work with the neighboring communities so that future planning will not contradict each other.

LSL has contacted MDOT to see if any discussion is in place regarding a "By-Pass" this would have a huge effect on the community and if anything was in the plans we should try to include that within our plan. At this time the response MDOT has no plans for a By-Pass. Discussed how the new By-Pass has effected the area around Cadillac.

New Urbanism

Presentation on "New Urbanism". Presentation included how communities are trying to re-incorporate neighborhoods with sidewalks, front porches, trees, narrow streets (traffic slowing), garages in the rear, etc. These communities encourage foot traffic. New Urbanism also provides for mixed uses such as some types of commercial within the neighborhood. Communities that have cal-du-sac type streets, garages that face the street, etc. do not encourage neighbors to talk interact with each other and you need to drive if you want to go anywhere - not designed for foot traffic. Manistee is an example of New Urbanism. Most neighborhoods (especially the older neighborhoods) are this type of neighborhood.

Future Land Districts

Jerry Adams reviewed language from the current Master Plan that we may want to consider updating. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS & COMMUNICATIONS:

LSL will be attending the November Worksession. The Planning Commission will discuss moving the time of the worksession to 6:00 p.m.

There being no further discussion the worksession closed at 9:05 p.m.

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION


Denise J. Mikula, Acting Secretary