

MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission Members

FROM: Denise Blakeslee, Secretary
Community Development *DB*

DATE: May 3, 2002

RE: Worksession May 9, 2002

The May Worksession will be on Thursday, May 9, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. We will take a Dial-A-Ride bus for our annual Bus Tour. Jerry and Dan are both planning on attending the tour and we will also review sites that they would like to look at as part of the Master Plan update.

Jon Rose spoke about an Access Management Workshop. The date for this workshop is Thursday, June 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We encourage members of the Planning Commission to attend. If you would like to attend this workshop please call me so I can make reservations for you.

See you next Thursday! If you cannot attend please call me so we are not waiting.

cc: City Manager

FAX TRANSMITTAL

To: Jon and Denise, Planning Department, City of Manistee
From: Jerry, LSL Planning
Re: MCC Workshop Results
Date: May 3, 2002

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Good Morning Jon and Denise:

Attached, please find some of the input received at the MCC student workshop. I talked to 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. The students were outstanding. Extremely polite and very willing to talk.

The first page reflects a questionnaire I gave each student at the beginning of the session. Each student completed the questionnaire on their own. The results are tabulated as a percentage of total responses for each question. I found several of the responses quite interesting, and somewhat different than the feedback received to date from "older" folks. For instance, Item 15. A large majority of students felt too much emphasis had been placed on tourism.

The second page simply lists some of the feedback on specific issues.

I though you might enjoy the information. I will do the same thing for my meetings at the public highschool.

See you next week.

Jerry

The logo for LSL (Lansing State Library) features the letters "LSL" in a bold, serif font. The letters are white and set against a dark, textured background that resembles a stylized wave or a brushstroke. The background is dark grey or black with some lighter, fibrous-looking texture.

**MASTER PLAN WORKSHOP
MANISTEE CATHOLIC CENTRAL
10th, 11th, and 12th Grades**

#	Item	Yes %	No %	No Opinion %
1	Manistee is experiencing sprawl (the unplanned spread of development away from Manistee City into outlying rural townships).	65	24	11
2	Farmland preservation is important in Manistee County.	53	29	18
3	The homes in my neighborhood are well-maintained.	82	18	-
4	The Manistee area needs more industrial development.	47	41	12
5	A US-31 by-pass (highway) should be constructed on the east side of Manistee Lake (in the Stronech Township area) to reduce traffic levels in the city.	29	59	12
6	Bike paths should be constructed throughout the city and adjoining townships.	59	18	23
7	The Manistee Lake shoreline should be used for additional industrial development.	18	70	12
8	The Manistee area is a safe place to live.	100	-	-
9	Additional parks are needed in the Manistee area.	53	35	12
10	Employment opportunities are readily available in the city or local area.	47	35	18
11	I regularly shop in the downtown (on River Street).	35	65	-
12	Compared to my knowledge of other communities, Manistee is an attractive city.	65	24	11
13	I hope to live in Manistee (or the Manistee area) after graduation or after college.	18	64	18
14	The Manistee area needs a retail shopping mall.	71	24	5
15	Manistee needs more tourism.	18	71	11
16	The casino is good for Manistee's economy.	52	24	24
17	The grounds and buildings of most businesses in the Manistee area are well-maintained.	88	6	6
18	The area needs additional housing which is affordable by low income households.	35	47	18
19	A homeowner should be permitted to add a small apartment to his/her dwelling as a place for Grandmother or Grandfather.	53	12	35
20	As long as the project is well-maintained, it's okay to mix residential with commercial and/or industrial development.	35	35	30

Other Input:

- 1) Manistee's most important/significant feature or asset.
 - a) *Shoreline and beaches.*
- 2) Important concerns regarding the growth and development of Manistee.
 - a) *Too much emphasis on tourism. Most of the new development is geared towards tourists and not residents.*
 - b) *Lack of good employment opportunities. Will have to go elsewhere to find jobs after graduation.*
- 3) How will the Master Plan benefit the city's future?
 - a) *The plan will help ensure the proper placement of land uses in order to avoid conflicts.*
 - b) *The plan will help maintain the quality of the city.*
 - c) *The plan will help local leaders as they make development decisions.*
- 4) Do local units of government work together on land use and other community development issues?
 - a) *Not certain, although there is not much visible evidence to support cooperative efforts.*
- 5) Why are students/young people generally not involved in the planning process?
 - a) *Community leaders do not think we know enough.*
 - b) *Community leaders think we lack experience.*
- 6) Has the casino had an impact on Manistee? If so, how?
 - a) *Has created jobs for the area.*
 - b) *May cause development (e.g. retail development) to move outside the city area.*
- 7) If the industrial uses located in the industrial park on Washington (north of the downtown), were relocated, how should the property be used?
 - a) *Homes, with a park.*
- 8) What benefits do the industries on Manistee Lake bring to the city?
 - a) *Jobs.*
 - b) *Taxes (tax base)*
- 9) How would a US-31 by-pass impact the city?
 - a) *The diverted traffic would hurt businesses that rely on passing motorists.*
 - b) *Businesses would relocate to the new by-pass, away from the city.*