

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

WORKSESSION NOTES

March 15, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Davis, Ray Fortier, John Lakos, Phil Picardat, and Roger Yoder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Ferguson, John Serocki, Brad Williams, and Tony Slawinski

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristie Harless, Greg Flisram (Langworthy Strader LeBlanc), Jerry Adams (Langworthy Strader LeBlanc), Ben Kubiak (Parks Commission), John Perschbacher (Zoning Board of Appeals), Mark Wittlief (Zoning Board of Appeals), Bob Hornkohl (City Council), Richard Mack (Mayor), Neil Assante (City Council), Jerry Lewis (Harbor Commission), Mary Lewis (342 River Street), Tom Kubanek (DDA), Willa Berensten (DDA), Cindy Lokovich (City Staff), Jon R. Rose (Community Development) and Denise Mikula (City Staff)

Worksession began at 7:02 p.m.

MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE GENERAL CITIZENRY:

None

WORKSESSION:

Greg Flisram of Langworthy Strader LeBlanc gave an overview on process of updating the Master Plan. Members of the Planning Commission, Parks Commission and ZBA broke off into a group to review and update how the City had been categorized in the plan from 1988 for development. The group finished the central area from the last worksession and worked on the remainder of the City. Eliminated some Special Districts from the previous plan and updated and added new areas. Discussed possible uses, language for the area, and how the new Planning Act only allows an update once a year and how that could effect how we want the descriptions prepared.

Members of City Council, DDA and Harbor Commission were lead in an exercise by Jerry Adams of Langworthy Strader LeBlanc. The exercise mirrored the one done by members of the Planning Commission and the Parks/ZBA. The top items on their list about what they liked best about the City included:

- Renaissance Zone
- Beautiful Beaches
- Riverwalk
- Ramsdell Theatre

Areas they believed needed special attention included:

- Need to balance Economic Development (year round growth)
- Traffic Flow on U.S. 31
- Enhance update beaches (Restaurant, Retail)
- Tech Center
- Marina Facilities

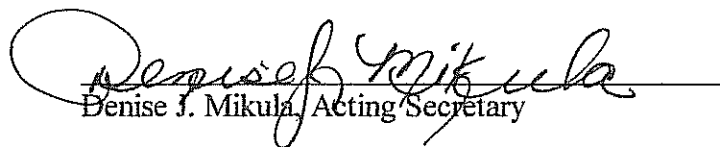
Discussed how to set up neighborhood meetings. Consensus was to use the Voting Districts and invite the Council Member from the District to attend the meeting. Notices will be mailed and advertised in newspaper. Mailing should include 2 -3 questions to peek the interest of the recipient. Meetings should last no longer than one and ½ hour. LSL will conduct two meetings simultaneously at one location and use as a training session for members of the Planning Commission to conduct the remaining meetings. Will need to hold approximately two meetings a month to keep on schedule.

Will also contact the area schools to set up a time to meet with students.

Homework from the previous meetings were turned into LSL who will compile the data and return. Also members will finish the list of names for interviews at their next meeting.

There being no further discussion the worksession closed at 9:00 p.m.

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION


Denise J. Mikula, Acting Secretary