



# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Urban Form Steering Committee

## MEETING SYNOPSIS

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**February 24, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**

Hannah Community Center  
Executive Conference Room  
819 Abbot Road

**Present:** Bauries, Beard, Betts, Bollman, Clayton, Cuddeback, Hathaway, Jester, Mrozowski, and Townley

**Staff Members:** T. Dempsey and D. Schmitt

### 1) OPENING

A) Roll Call

B) Approval of Agenda

### 2) PINTEREST

Darcy Schmitt made a brief presentation of the City's Pinterst site and explained how the City could use it for the Comprehensive Planning process.

### 3) STEERING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The steering committee began the Mapping Exercise using the following exercise outcome:

**When you think of an urban environment, what characteristics or elements of a space do you associate with a welcoming environment?**

### Summary of Responses

*A welcoming urban environment has:*

- well defined gathering spaces with sun and shade
- buildings of varying height and architectural style with windows on the street
- wide sidewalks to accommodate plazas and outdoor seating for diners
- activities/entertainment that supports vibrancy and sense of place
- a balance of landscape and hardscape
- Congestion caused by narrow streets and slow traffic

**When you think of an urban environment, what characteristics or elements do you associate with an undesirable environment?**

*Summary of Responses*

*An Urban environment that is undesirable:*

- is automobile dominated with large parking areas
- has unwelcoming windowless building facades
- lacks green space
- has uniform buildings
- has poorly maintained public spaces
- feels unsafe because it is dark or not pedestrian friendly

**What three specific urban areas should the City focus on for redevelopment or revitalization in the next ten years?**

*Summary of Responses*

- Trowbridge Road
- Downtown
- Michigan Avenue and Grand River Avenue underutilized sites between Harrison and Hagadorn

**4) ADJOURNMENT**