

APPENDIX B:

Public Engagement Summary

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Advisory Committee

The Ironwood city planning commission served as the advisory body for the comprehensive planning process. Over the course of the process, the planning commission held a number of special workshops prior to their regular meetings to review progress and comment on plan directions. The workshops were open for the general public to attend and listen to discussion.

Community Work Session - January 2014

As part of the planning process, City planning staff and the consultant team participated in a three-day work session in Ironwood to engage community members around comprehensive planning process and develop a preliminary vision and plan directions. Community members were invited to participate in several activities during this work session. Engagement opportunities included:

- Listening Sessions
- Hands-On Community Workshop
- Student Workshops
- Community Pin-Up

Hands-On Community Workshop

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The two-hour workshop consisted of three parts:

1. A brief overview presentation by the consultants, including an overview of the comprehensive planning process, goals, and outcomes, as well as a “snapshot” of existing conditions in

the community based on census data, mapping analysis, and community survey responses received to date;

2. A hands-on “game board” activity designed to engage participants in small group discussions about issues in the community, priorities for future investment, and vision for the future of Ironwood (see example board below);
3. A group discussion in which participants shared out three “aha” moments from their small group discussions.

Game Board Activity:

The primary interactive activity of the community workshop involved a community “game board” designed to stimulate small group discussion across a range of topics. The game board activity walks participants through a series of questions about the community, asking for both individual preferences as well as consensus answers about key issues. Topics covered in the activity include: Parks and Recreation, Housing, Jobs, Shopping, Transportation, as well as general likes and dislikes.

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Listening Sessions

The listening sessions were intended to bring together community members with interest in or expertise around specific subject areas for facilitated conversation about key issues and opportunities related to that topic. The four subjects/groups addressed through the listening sessions were: (1) Business leaders and innovators; (2) Parks and Recreation; (3) Arts and Culture; and (4) Realtors, Bankers, and Developers. In total, over 30 community members participated in the listening sessions. See the listening session summary at the end of this chapter for more details on these discussion groups.

Student Workshops

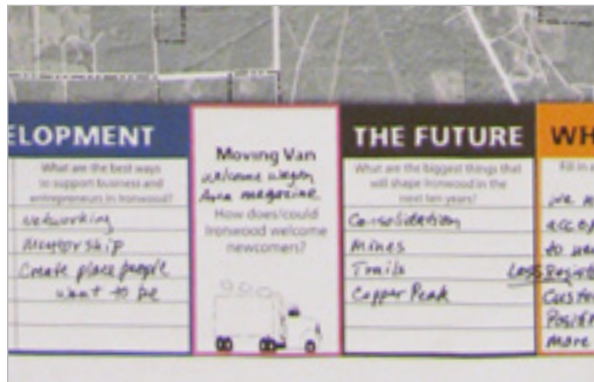
Consultants facilitated three student workshops at L.L. Wright High School, meeting with approximately 50 high school juniors to talk about city planning, the comprehensive plan update, student



Example of completed game board



Workshop participants engaged in the game board activity



perspectives on the community, and factors influencing their decisions to stay, leave, or return to Ironwood after high school. Students also participated in a modified version of the game board activity and filled out the community survey.

Community Pin-Up

At the end of the three-day work session, community members were invited to a pin-up session, an open house-style presentation in which the work completed by city staff and consultants was “pinned-up” for community comment and critique. Visitors were able to review the work, leave comments, ask questions, and generally weigh in on the direction of the plan’s vision and preliminary recommendations.

Community Open House - May 2014

A community open house was held on May 19th, 2014 in the Memorial Building auditorium. The goal of the workshop was to provide community members with an opportunity to review and comment on the content of the draft Comprehensive Plan. A series of presentation boards were displayed around the room providing summary materials of each chapter of the plan document. Post-it notes and comment cards were provided to participants to leave feedback on the draft plan. Consultant and City staff were available to answer questions as were various members of the Planning Commission and City Commission. The full draft plan was also posted online along with an online comment form. See the attached Open House Summary for key points of discussion from this event.

Other Engagement Tools

Project Website

A project website has been maintained throughout the planning process to provide information about the process, as well as notices about meetings and community engagement activities. Presentations and key documents produced through the planning process were posted to the website. Community members were also able to submit comments and suggestions through the site. A number of comments were received through the website and via email correspondence with community members. Such public input, while not captured explicitly in this summary, was catalogued and used to inform plan directions.

www.ironwoodcompplan.com.

Community Survey

An online Community Survey was made available through the project website to help solicit written feedback from the community and provide the planning team with a better understanding of key issues and priorities. The online survey was accessible from mid-November 2013 through the end of January 2014. A paper version of the survey was also sent out with November tax bills. Over 500 survey responses were received. For full survey results, see the summary at the end of this chapter.

Postcards from the Future

The “Postcard from the Future” was a creative engagement tool used to encourage community members to imagine how Ironwood will look and feel in twenty years. The postcard prompts respondents to write a postcard addressed to a friend or family member from the year 2034, describing changes and improvements in the community. Postcards were distributed through the community workshop and other public events (see image on opposite page). Completed postcard are included at the end of this chapter.

Additional Documentation

Detailed summaries of public engagement activities are included as attachments at the end of this chapter:

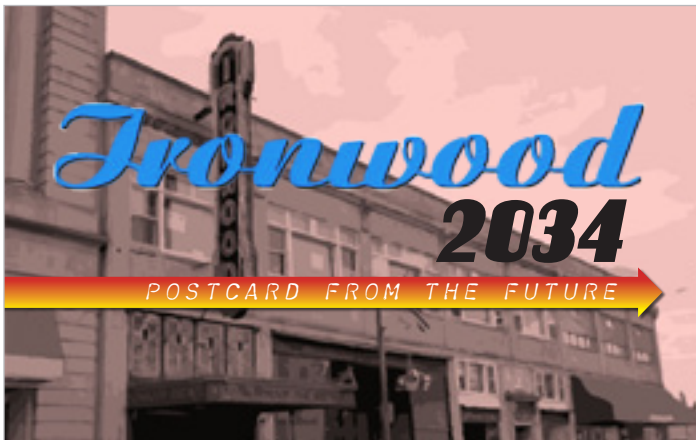
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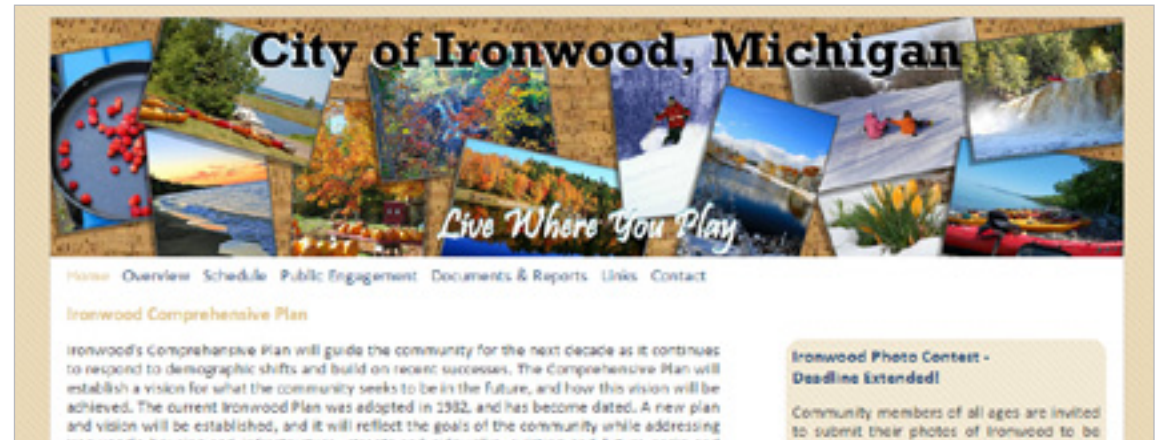
Consultant team working on preliminary plan concepts based on community input



Community pin-up session



Postcard from the future



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Ironwood Comprehensive Plan Update 1/21/14 Community Workshop Summary

Date: January 21, 2014, 6:30 to 8:30pm

Location: Memorial Building Auditorium

Number of Attendees: 20

Overview: On January 21st, 2014, a community workshop was held in the Memorial Building auditorium as part of the public engagement process for the Ironwood Comprehensive Plan Update. The goal of the workshop was to provide community members with an opportunity to learn more about the comprehensive planning process; to engage in discussions about key issues and opportunities in the community; and to start to define a future vision for the city of Ironwood.

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Common Themes (from Community Workshop):

- Safe community, small town feel
- Schools
 - An asset
 - Need quality schools to attract residents/businesses
 - Consolidation
- Trails / Outdoor Recreation
 - Development
 - Beautification

- Natural Resources
 - Recreation/activities for kids
- Communications
 - Between Community College and City
- More ownership / collaboration
 - shared ownership across jurisdictions
 - accountability for getting the work done
- Attitude
 - Need more accepting attitude
 - Less resistance to change
- Preserve history + culture
- Support the arts/theater/music
- Need to maintain strong leadership
- Housing
 - Manage “blight”
 - Rehab existing housing stock
 - Quality/affordable housing
 - New housing
 - Rental housing options
 - Senior housing options
- Infrastructure
 - Fix/complete sidewalk network
 - Fix roads
 - Utility costs
 - Excess infrastructure
- Image
 - Make more inviting (public realm, quality of life)
 - Beautification
 - Improve housing
- Jobs / Economic Development
 - More opportunities
 - Attract new businesses
 - Need well-paying jobs
 - Support entrepreneurship (mentorship, networking)
- Shopping
 - More eateries, microbreweries, etc
 - Support local businesses

Ironwood Comprehensive Plan Update 1/21/14 Listening Session Summaries

Overview: On January 21st, HKGi consultants convened a number of listening sessions with stakeholder groups. These sessions were intended to solicit subject-specific feedback and suggestions from community members. Discussion summaries/notes from the four listening sessions are included below. This information, along with input from the community workshop, will be used to shape the draft vision and guiding principles of the comprehensive plan, as well as recommendations and strategies within the plan.

Business Leaders + Innovators

Number of Attendees: 14

Discussion Summary:

- Business development
 - Lack of support
 - Mentor program – Chamber is trying to start
 - Opportunity exists to leverage existing businesses/successful entrepreneurs
 - Business incubation strategy/co-working?
 - Provide services (copiers, wi-fi, temporary offices)
 - Collaboration between businesses
 - Business to business networking
- Job Creation
 - Past efforts around spec building in industrial park – difficulty finding tenants
 - Logging/Timber/Mining
 - Lack of transportation to support (rail)
 - Need baseline investment in area
 - Ind. dev. can be blended with tourism
 - Natural Resources is overarching theme - timber, mineral, outdoor rec/tourism
 - Recruitment
 - Quality of life is important
 - Downtown improvements
 - Trails
 - Arts developments (DIDA and DAP)
 - Support remote workers (tech needs, wi-fi, etc.)
- Workforce issues
 - Shortage of service workers (septic, electricians, etc.)
 - Community college – programs in building trades, welding, lineman training
- Hwy 2 vs. Downtown
 - Need coordination to develop both
 - Gateways to MI / Ironwood / UP
 - DT character: mom + pop, boutique, specialty
 - Hwy 2: big box
- Tourism + Outdoor Recreation
 - XC
 - SISU is a growing attraction
 - Trail management is good

- Skiing
 - Existing ski hill
 - Ski Jump - Potential attraction
- Arts/Culture
 - Music
 - Ironwood Theater
 - Downtown studios
 - School music (band, show choir, no orchestra)
 - Local bands
 - Possible Winter Big Top venue?
 - Downtown Arts Place – studios, classes, etc.
- Housing/Lodging
 - Few temporary options
 - No B+Bs
 - Need more rental options
 - On-going maintenance of housing is an issue – need to address “blight”
 - Excess/underutilized infrastructure costs
 - Township housing draw
 - Pro: Land cost/size, Lower taxes
 - Cons: no services, farther from town
 - Historically homes/services were provided by mining companies
 - Need support to attract residents and businesses to Downtown
- **Parks and Recreation Group**
- Number of Attendees: 9
- Discussion Summary:
- General
 - Bigger local demand than we realize – People want something to do!
 - Regional recreation: Montreal WI to Wakefield + Superior + Porcupines
 - How do kids get around?
 - Groups of users:
 - Residents
 - Visitors
 - New People
 - Returners (grew up here, moved away, came back)
- Promotion/marketing
 - Word of mouth
 - Traditional marketing – use resources that are available (visitors bureau)
- How do you get local buy in?
 - Small group of “drivers”/”pushers” in the system currently
 - Dedicated to city parks in past few years
 - One person driving a program- what happens if they step down...
 - Kiwanis and Rotary – Donations
- Events / Competitions – tourism draw (Marquette dogsled race)
- Park assessment/needs:
 - Longyear/Norrie Park – Good

- Expensive
 - Playgrounds well used
 - Natural playground?
 - K.I.S.S.
 - Depot
 - Kitchen
 - Trailhead > Central/walkable> Key to City of Ironwood
 - Community gathering place
 - Currie
 - Expand/upgrade camping area
 - Miners + School
 - Lots of opportunities
 - Area ski hills
 - Build on ski hills reciprocity
 - Summer mountain biking?
 - Trails
 - Create loops
 - Coleman – big help
 - ATV/Snowmobiles + XC/Hiking needs
 - ATV working w/ DNR
 - 3500-acre scramble area by Wakefield
- Expand on green space
 - Community
 - Neighborhood-level approach
 - Blight to beauty – gardening
 - Property opportunities
 - Community gardens
 - Garden plots are Norrie sell out yearly
- Recreation-related Jobs/Businesses
 - Need support services
 - Coffee shops/brew pubs
 - Infrastructure
 - Businesses
- Marketing/Promotion
 - Destination for activities/active people
 - Connect visitors to Downtown
 - Marketing Western U.P.
 - Tourism assessment – 2% to 5%
 - Welcome visitors
 - Example: Bend, OR
 - Build momentum / build on WI's efforts
 - National level event – need support services
 - Duluth/Mpls/Minnesota + Illinois/Chicago + Wisconsin/Madison
 - Airport - We have it. It matters.
- Rec Opportunities
 - 4-seasons – very active

- How much is here in Ironwood vs. region
- Gateway to MI
- Need map of everything (Ironwood/area)- find it all in one place
- Ensure connected /consistent marketing (websites/maps/etc.)
- Amount of snow
- 167-acre park
- **Arts and Culture Group**
- Number of Attendees: 5
- Discussion Summary:
- How do the arts benefit Ironwood?
 - Education/cultural awareness
 - Community building – attract new residents/artists, occupy/revitalize vacant spaces
 - Regional connector
 - Tourism draw / cultural economy
 - Public art/beautification/gateways
- Arts organizations/institutions/businesses
 - Downtown Arts Place (DAP)
 - Aspires to become a region resource for the arts
 - Z Gallery
 - Tory House – retail space
 - Owner – Nancy C.
 - Purchase old Elks building
 - Working with DAP
 - Plans for a commercial kitchen incubator /attract food artists
 - Other arts-related retail: Fabric Patch, Creative Spirits, Annette’s Knits (Wakefield), Ben Franklin
 - Ironwood Theater
 - Theater North (Lake Street) – more community theater
 - Arts Center- Studios + Gallery
 - Little Finland- Cultural programming/performances (on US 2, west of Hurley)
 - Schools
 - No visual arts
 - Hurley has arts programs
 - Library
 - Poetry club and other programs
 - Oldest continuously operating Carnegie Library in the state
 - Merritt fiberoptic hub (only at Lib and Comm. College)
 - Desire to expand to allow for more meeting/educational spaces
 - Historical Society
- Ironwood Public Art
 - Existing
 - Miners mural
 - World’s tallest Indian
 - Library benches
 - Iron Pour event to create tiles

- Worked with local artist + Minneapolis artist
- Artist Residencies
 - Porcupine mountains artist-in-residence program
- Arts Events
 - Smithsonian exhibit coming to DAP in 2015
 - “The way we worked”
 - Proposed “history prize” event (grant proposal)
 - Based on ArtPrize in Grand Rapids
- Other community events
 - Sports
 - Hit Idol
 - Theater
- Opportunities
 - Rich history in Ironwood
 - Historic structures/buildings
 - Hiawatha Statue
 - Grant proposal for arts trail, gateway, interpretive signage
 - People – musicians, crafters, artisans, writers, vis. Artists (250+ in the area – DAP directory)
 - City should market itself to artists – need an outreach plan
- Model arts communities:
 - Wasau Arts Center
 - Grand Rapids
 - Crooked Tree Arts Center (Petoskey, MI)
 - Bonifas Arts Center (Esconaba, MI)
 - LOLA (Land O Lakes, WI)
 - Washburn, WI
- Challenges
 - Ironwood not well-known for the arts – not well-publicized
 - “Gogebic and Iron County Happenings” website
 - Hospitality
 - Businesses don’t stay open
 - Poor customer service
 - Need to put best foot forward for the community
 - Capacity building
 - Engagement
 - Lack of cooperation
 - Promotion/marketing
- **Realtors/Bankers/Developers Group**
- Number of Attendees: 4
- Discussion Summary:
- What people want vs. what they can afford/finance
- Need good paying jobs to support economy
- Good code enforcement
- Housing stock

- 1900-1920 – rough shape (60-65% of renovation work)
- What are people looking for?
 - Young family (27-37)
 - Many already have jobs
 - Want to be here
 - Health
 - Conversation
 - Renting first 1-3 years to see if they like it
 - Supporting arts + culture
 - Creators
 - 38-50s
 - Stuck in mortgages
 - Retirees
 - 2nd home
 - Seniors
 - Want upgrades/ Can't afford
 - Want accessible
- Why township?
 - 5+ acres
 - Fewer bills – well/septic
 - Animals
- Getting nicer places in downtown
- Average rents - \$275-425
- Labor
 - Labor pool challenges
 - Need trades
 - Opportunities available
- How to keep talent?
 - College helps
 - Problems with negativity
- Financial Literacy
- Good people moving in
- Babysitting/childcare needs
- Opportunities
 - Rental improvements/investments
- Starting a business
 - Debt
- Remodels
 - Want a lot
 - Less \$
 - Need more fixing/preventative – 80%
 - Stay busy with it
 - Needed

WHAT ELSE?

Fill in a question of your own:

THE FUTURE

What are the biggest things that will shape Ironwood in the next ten years?

Moving Van

How does/should Ironwood welcome newcomers?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

What are the best ways to grow jobs in Ironwood?

What are the best ways to support business and entrepreneurship in Ironwood?

HOUSING

What are the most important housing needs in Ironwood?

Moving Van

Why do people move to Ironwood?

PARKS AND REC

How would you improve the park system in Ironwood?

ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

Where could government collaborate or share in the provision of services?

What could the Ironwood City Government do better to improve life in Ironwood?

What does the Ironwood City Government do well to improve life in Ironwood?

COMMERCIAL

Where do you mostly shop for:

- Day Goods
- Convenience Goods
- Non-Convenience Goods
- Restaurants and Dining
- Recreation

Moving Van

Why do people move away from Ironwood?

One element that, where available, should be installed:

TRANSPORTATION

How do you continue to work or school?

What are the greatest challenges in terms of transportation?

Break

Take a break, eat, drink, stretch, and get ready for the next 7-10 minutes.

Start

Introduce yourself to your teammates.

Please print clearly.

Thanks and have fun!

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

Where do you live? Place a blue dot where you live.

What do you love about Ironwood?	What would you change about Ironwood?	When these changes happen, what will Ironwood look like?
Outdoors, Snow 4 seasons, Clean Air + Water, Low Crime - opens up outdoors, Low Traffic, Friendly Residents, Lakes + Water, History is top priority, + Preserved Trails	Jobs, opportunities for youth, need to remodel County wide school consolidation, Tech School Op's + CAC, more diversity of programs	More trails, more young people and professionals, more social + cultural opportunities (artories + programs), updated housing + business, revitalized downtown to Art + culture + entertainment

How long have you lived in Ironwood? 5965, 1 1/2, 20, 20, 18, 20

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

List the things Ironwood needs to keep in order to be a vibrant community in the future	List the things Ironwood needs to develop in order to be a vibrant community in the future	List the biggest challenges Ironwood faces in order to be a vibrant community in the future
Volunteers, Historic downtown sites, friendly place to recreate, outdoor access	Estates + Brewpubs, Coffee shops, Connect trails + sidewalks, Regionally coordinate community facilities, Industry jobs	Midwest fear of change, vision, people

ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

COMMERCIAL

TRANSPORTATION

HOUSING

MOVING VAN

PARKS AND REC

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Why are the best uses? (Support business and entrepreneurs in Ironwood)

How do we support? (Housing, Westside Development)

What are the best ways to support business and entrepreneurs in Ironwood? (Housing, Westside Development)

How do we support? (Housing, Westside Development)

THE FUTURE

What do you think will happen in Ironwood in the next 5 years?

Consideration: (Ages, Trails, Pocket Park)

WHAT ELSE?

What do you think is missing from Ironwood?

Consideration: (Less Bicycles, Services, Customer service, Partner at the moment)

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ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

What could the town/city government do better to improve the town/city?

What does the town/city government do well to improve the town/city?

What are the best ways to grow the town/city?

What are the most important housing needs in town/city?

How do people move to town/city?

What are your favorite regional recreation activities and locations?

How would you improve the park system in town/city?

What are the biggest things that will shape town/city in the next 10 years?

What is a question of your own?

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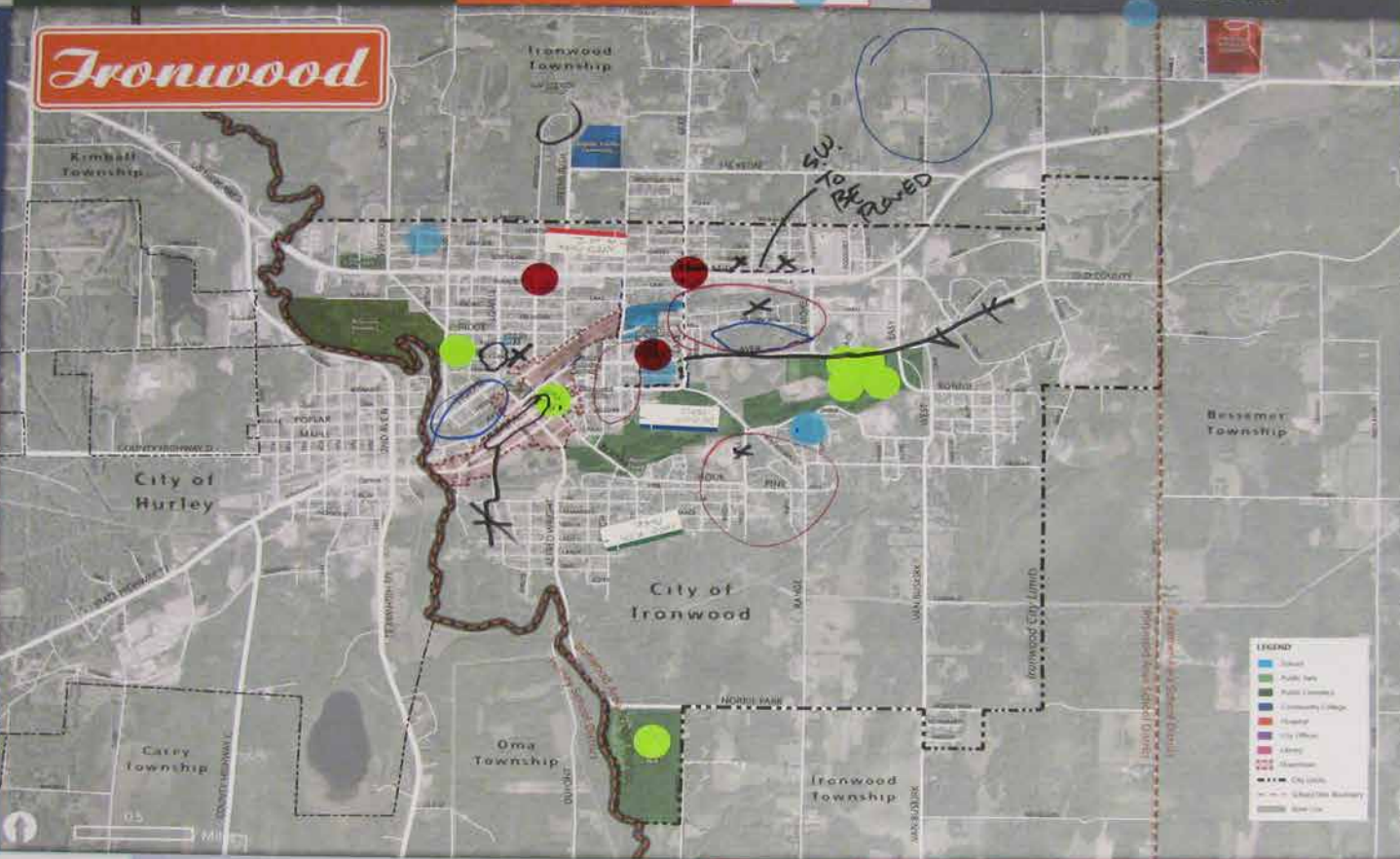
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Joe Danette
Kristen Rick
Peter Goyle
Monie

Introduce yourself to your teammates

Please print clearly

Thanks and have fun!

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Place a blue dot

Where you live

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Moving Van

How long have you lived in Ironwood?

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

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List the biggest **challenges** Ironwood faces in order to be a vibrant community in the future

TRANSPORTATION

How do you commute to work in town/city?

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SAFE, OUTDOORS, PEOPLE DIVERSITY, ACTIVITIES, SMALL TOWN	Shopping, Blight, Roads Road repairs, Shopping	Very clean More walking

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

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Clean streets RECREATION REPAIRS	BETTER ROADS, MORE BUSINESSES	Eviction PEOPLE LEAVING THE AREA

ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

Where could the Ironwood Collaborative or other in the area help?

What could the Ironwood City government do better to improve life in Ironwood?

What does the Ironwood City government do well to improve life in Ironwood?

SAFETY
PUBLIC SAFETY
BLIGHT, ROAD REPAIRS
TRAFFIC LESS PLANET

COMMERCIAL

Where do you mostly shop for goods and services?

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TRANSPORTATION

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PARKS AND REC

How would you improve the park system in Ironwood?

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

What are the best ways to support business and entrepreneurs in Ironwood?

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THE FUTURE

What are the biggest things that will shape Ironwood in the next 10 years?

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WHAT ELSE?

Fill in a question of your own

Fill in a question of your own

Fill in a question of your own

LEGEND

- School
- Public Park
- Public Cemetery
- Community College
- Hospital
- City Office
- Library
- Blottery
- City Limits
- School City Boundary
- Water Line

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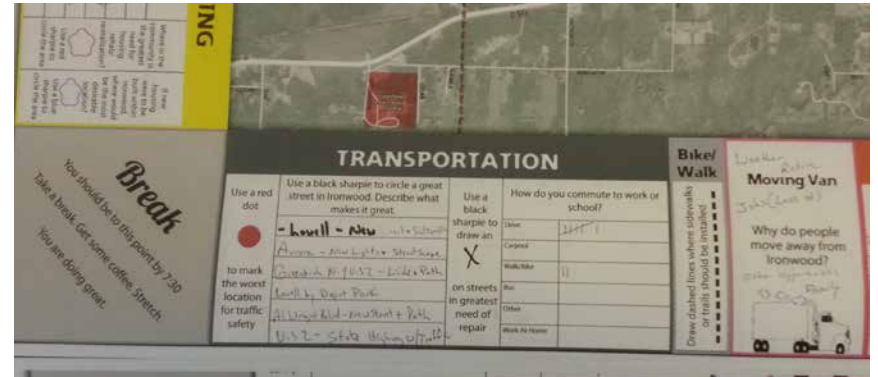
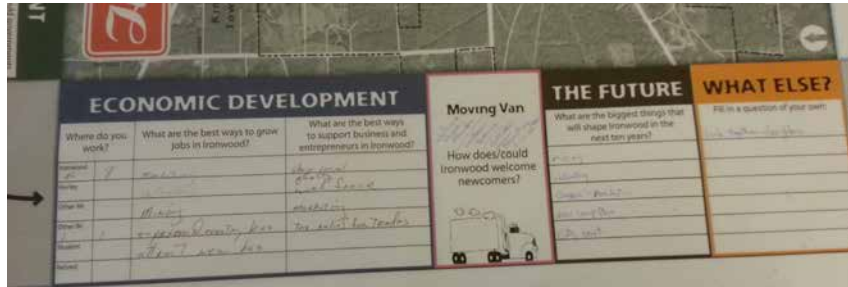
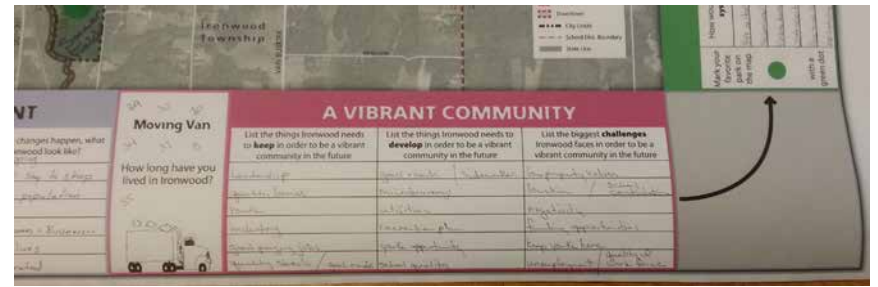
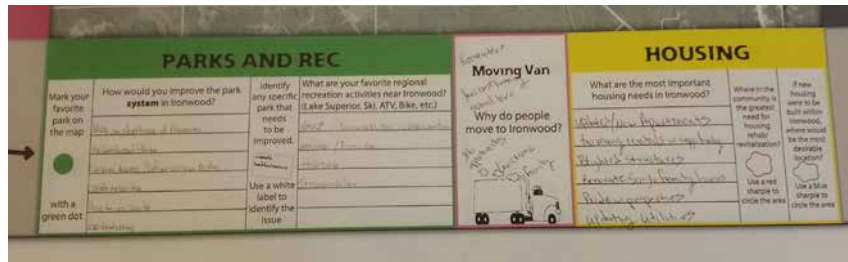
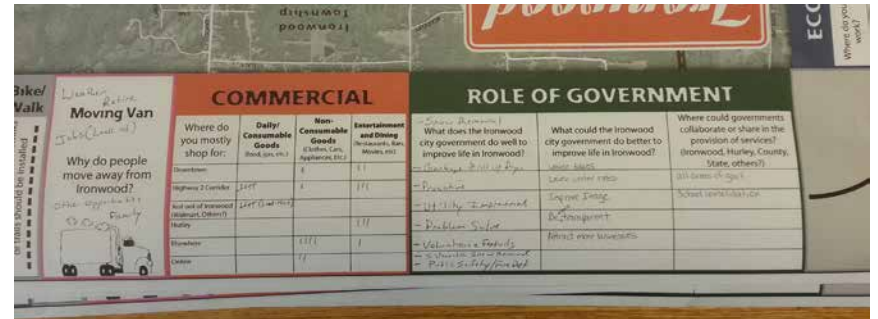
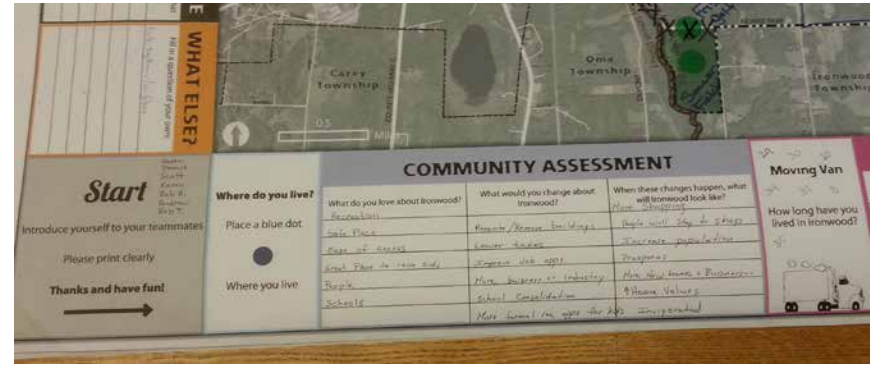
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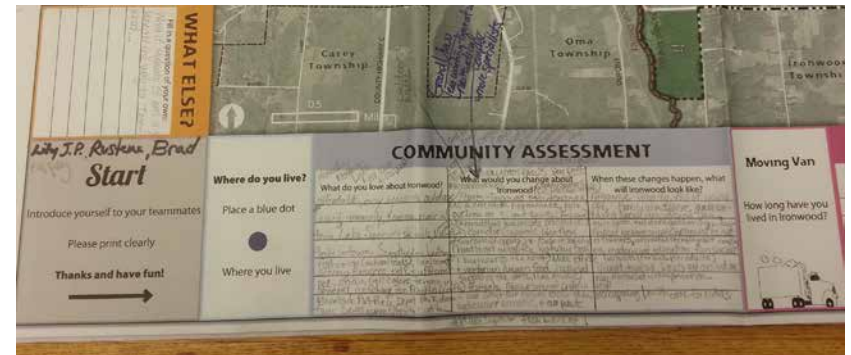
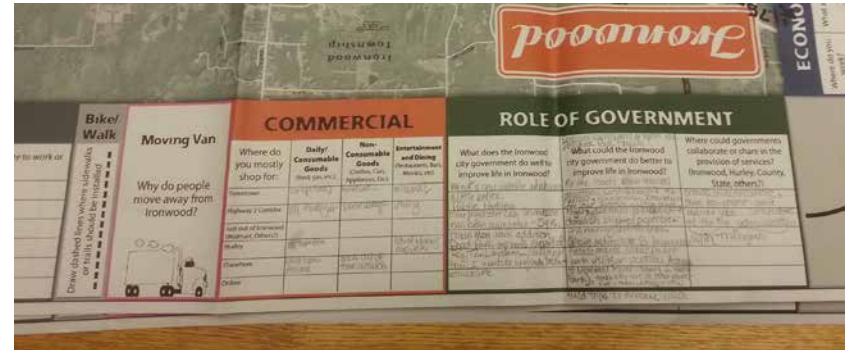
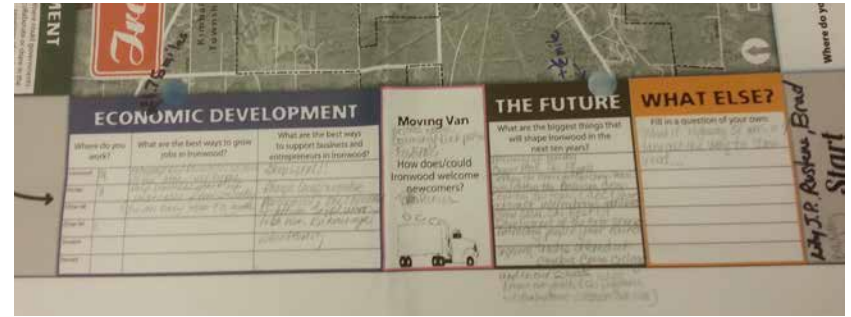
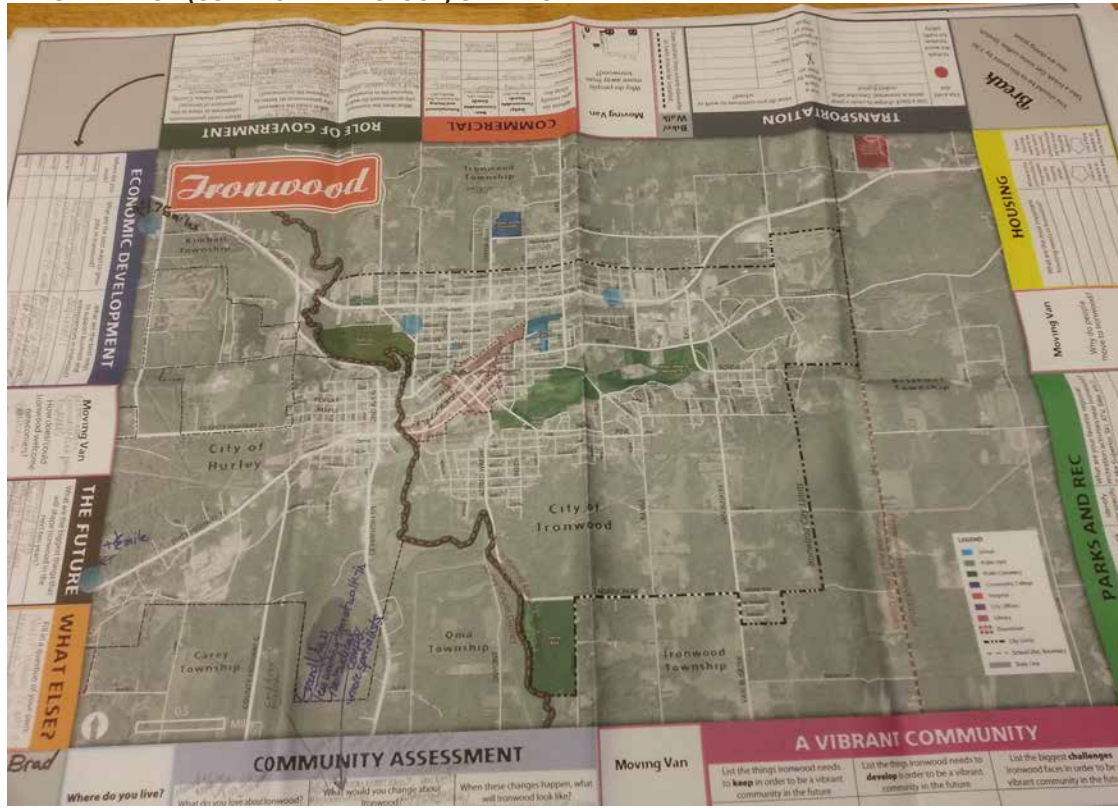
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NEXT GENERATION (GO-IN FORWARD GROUP) GAME BOARD



Ironwood

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

What do you like about your town? What are the best ways for you to support business and employment in town?

How do you think Ironwood's economic development is doing?

HOUSING

What are the most important housing issues in town?

ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

What does the town need to improve its government? What are the best ways to improve the town's government? What are the best ways to improve the town's government?

COMMERCIAL

Where do you mostly shop? Why do you like to shop there? Why do you like to shop there?

TRANSPORTATION

Why do you like to use a car? Why do you like to use a car? Why do you like to use a car?

THE FUTURE

What are the biggest things that you think will change in the next ten years?

WHAT ELSE?

What are the biggest things that you think will change in the next ten years?

PARKS AND REC

What are the biggest things that you think will change in the next ten years?

Start

Introduce yourself to your teammates. Please print clearly.

Thanks and have fun!

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

Where do you live? Place a blue dot. Where you live.

What do you love about Ironwood?	What would you change about Ironwood?	When these changes happen, what will Ironwood look like?

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

How long have you lived in Ironwood?

List the things Ironwood needs to keep in order to be a vibrant community in the future.	List the things Ironwood needs to develop in order to be a vibrant community in the future.	List the biggest challenges Ironwood faces in order to be a vibrant community in the future.

yellow dot is place you would like to change

Blue Dot = Home Red Dot = Favorite Place Green Dot = Favorite Park Yellow Dot = What would you change?

ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

What does the town/city government do for you?
 How do you think the town/city government should improve?
 What are the biggest challenges facing the town/city government?
 How do you think the town/city government should address these challenges?

COMMERCIAL

Where do you most often shop?
 What are the biggest challenges facing the town/city government?
 How do you think the town/city government should address these challenges?

TRANSPORTATION

How do you get to work/school?
 What are the biggest challenges facing the town/city government?
 How do you think the town/city government should address these challenges?

HOUSING

What are the biggest challenges facing the town/city government?
 How do you think the town/city government should address these challenges?

Moving Van

Why do you think people move to Ironwood?
 What are the biggest challenges facing the town/city government?
 How do you think the town/city government should address these challenges?

PARKS AND REC

What are your favorite recreational activities?
 How do you think the town/city government should address these challenges?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

What are the biggest challenges facing the town/city government?
 How do you think the town/city government should address these challenges?

THE FUTURE

What are the biggest challenges facing the town/city government?
 How do you think the town/city government should address these challenges?

WHAT ELSE?

What are the biggest challenges facing the town/city government?
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COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

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 Place a blue dot
 Where you live

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 When these changes happen, what will Ironwood look like?

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

How long have you lived in Ironwood?

List the things Ironwood needs to **keep** in order to be a vibrant community in the future.
 List the things Ironwood needs to **develop** in order to be a vibrant community in the future.
 List the biggest **challenges** Ironwood faces in order to be a vibrant community in the future.

Break

Use a black marker to circle a great idea.
 Use a red marker to circle a great idea.
 Use a blue marker to circle a great idea.
 Use a yellow marker to circle a great idea.

LEGEND

- Blue: School
- Green: Public Park
- Red: Public Library
- Yellow: Community College
- Orange: High School
- Purple: Bakery
- Light Blue: Restaurant
- Black: City Limits
- Red: School Out Boundary
- Grey: Water

Start

Introduce yourself to your teammates
High School Students
 Please print clearly
 Thanks and have fun!

Blue Dot = Home Red Dot = Favorite Place Green Dot = Favorite Park Yellow Dot = What would you change?



Ironwood

2034

POSTCARD FROM THE FUTURE

Imagine it's 2034, and you are writing a postcard to a friend or family member telling them about life in Ironwood (or a recent visit to town). Describe the things you might see or do in Ironwood in 2034. How are things different/better in 20 years? What is your vision for the future Ironwood?

Dear _____

2034

Imagine it's 2034, and you are writing a postcard to a friend or family member telling them about life in Ironwood (or a recent visit to town). Describe the things you might see or do in Ironwood in 2034. How are things different/better in 20 years? What is your vision for the future Ironwood?

Dear Collin Nezworski

2034

Grandma is busy with all the tourists here in Ironwood, she is helping with Copper Peak and the banquet for them. I hope you are planning a visit to Ironwood soon, the festival and fair are really fun in the summer and maybe you could come on the train, the college is adding ski jumping to their list of sports and the USA Team will be training here. Lots of job openings at the mines maybe you could go to college here and work!! Love grandma 😊

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Dear Grandchildren and Greatgrandson

2034

Grandma and Grandpa are really excited to hear that you are walking the Great Northern Trail across the U.P. We have bikes ready for you to use around the trails in Ironwood. What we are really excited about is that you will be here for Ironwood Fest. This year the "country" will be Cornwall so you can eat pasties and do the Heston Floral Dance and meet the Duke of Cornwall. Remember last year the country was Sweden. We got to watch people carve and paint Dalahorses and eat spritz cookies and learned so much about Sweden - grandma's heritage. (The idea of celebrating countries of origin of Ironwood's people is based on MiddFest in Middle town OH ~~where~~ See MiddFest.org)

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Dear _____

2034

I can't believe how cool it is to be able to bike, walk + ski in this town w/ the great trails connecting the parks, neighborhoods + downtown. And the great art + cultural destinations - and brew pubs + coffee shops - in the downtown gives me some place fun to relax too!

Please leave completed postcards at your table or return to City Hall

Ironwood Comprehensive Plan

Imagine it's 2034, and you are writing a postcard to a friend or family member telling them about life in Ironwood (or a recent visit to town). Describe the things you might see or do in Ironwood in 2034. How are things different/better in 20 years? What is your vision for the future Ironwood?

Dear Kids

2034

Thanks for helping us move into our new downtown loft. Dad + I are so happy with our view of the downtown. We look forward to walking to the library, theatre and coffee shop. We can do all of our grocery shopping + banking within a few blocks. Next week we'll be biking to the falls for a picnic.

Looking forward to your next visit.

Love,
Mom

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Ironwood Comprehensive Plan

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Dear ^{Sister} Amanda

2034

I can't wait to see you this weekend. I have a lot of fun things lined up. We can camp at Little Girls point with you & the kids. Then ride the bike trail to all of the waterfalls from Superior Falls to Saxon Falls then to Lake State falls & into Ironwood for lunch downtown. Then we will bike to Norrie Park & of course we will bike along the trail of Miners Memorial Heritage Park. You will love the 20 historic interpretive signs through the park & the Hearst Tower Memorial.

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Ironwood Comprehensive Plan

will be a beautiful view of the city. *MOM*

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Dear _____

2034

Dear Friend,

I would like you to come and visit the town I live in. We have a remarkable ski flying facility which is the largest on the North American continent. This facility is for both winter and summer use, both day and night. It attracts elite athletes from around the world at both winter and summer competitions. Our area offers so many things to do in the winter such as; downhill skiing, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and ice skating. Our other 3 seasons offer; ATV riding, fishing, hunting, boating, kayaking, swimming, hiking, biking, camping, picnics, antiques, golf, resorts and casino's and just plain relaxing.

You might even want to move here after seeing our beautiful scenery. All our trails are connected and you can walk or bike to beautiful parks during our 3 seasons. Our beauty consists of; Lake Superior, and waterfalls. We have so much that large cities don't have such as; 4 season outdoor activities, safety, no traffic, affordable housing, air quality, nature based, low taxes and cost of living, and many community events.

Our downtown looks like a ski resort in the winter and in the summer turns into a perfect place to shop at locally owned unique stores. If you prefer larger stores we have a commercial zoned area with many stores, hotels and restaurants on our highway. Our small town has a low crime rate so you can feel comfortable walking everywhere.

You will never want to leave after experiencing our town in Ironwood, Michigan!

The City of Ironwood is beginning the process of updating its **Comprehensive Plan**, which was written in the 1980's. To learn more about the Comprehensive Plan and the City's process, visit www.ironwoodcompplan.com. Your input is important to us, because the Comprehensive Plan affects how we will manage Ironwood's physical change and development in future years. When development questions are brought forward to the city, this plan will be used as a basis for decisions. The Planning Commission for the City of Ironwood would like to hear from the community on a number of key areas.

This survey is intended to provide the planning team with a broad understanding of what the Ironwood Community sees as important aspects of the community. This information will be used to inform further questions as part of public meetings/workshops scheduled for the week of January 20th. More information will be forthcoming on these meetings.

Thanks for your input and your time. If you have any questions or would like further information about the Comprehensive Planning process, please contact Michael Brown, Community Development Director at (906) 932-5050 ext. 126 or via email: brownm@cityofironwood.org. We prefer, for efficiency sake, that you take the survey online if possible. Please go to www.ironwoodcompplan.com to take the online survey.

Question #1: Why do you live in Ironwood (pick your top 3)

- To live near family or friends
- I was Born here
- To be close to work or work opportunities
- To be near amenities like stores and community centers
- Good schools
- Affordability of housing
- Arts, Entertainment, and Cultural opportunities
- Outdoor recreation opportunities
- Scenic beauty
- Other: _____

Question #2: what are the things you like most about Ironwood (check the top 3)

- Transportation system – ability to get around
- Housing stock (quality)
- Housing stock (variety)
- Housing (affordability)
- Park and recreation system – quality of parks
- Park and recreation system – availability and accessibility of fields, playgrounds, parks
- Access to outdoor recreation, nature, forests, Lake Superior, rivers and streams
- Summer and winter power sports: ATV, snowmobile, motocross, others...
- Summer and winter silent sports: Biking, hiking, snowshoeing, skiing
- Schools/Education System
- Access to art, entertainment, and cultural amenities
- Access to shopping and restaurants
- Access to jobs
- Diversity of jobs
- Safe community
- Other: _____

Question #3: what are the things you like least about Ironwood (check the top 3)

- Transportation system – ability to get around
- Housing stock (quality)
- Housing stock (variety)
- Housing (affordability)
- Park and recreation system – quality of parks
- Park and recreation system – availability and accessibility of fields, playgrounds, parks
- Access to outdoor recreation, nature, forests, Lake Superior, rivers and streams
- City infrastructure/services: streets, lighting, water, power, fire protection, police protection, etc.
- Schools/Education System
- Access to art, entertainment, and cultural amenities
- Access to shopping and restaurants
- Access to jobs
- Diversity of jobs
- Safe community
- Other: _____

Question #4: If you had a blank check and unlimited funding, what would you invest in? (check up to 3)

- Improve the road/street system
- Improve the existing housing stock
- Improve existing downtown buildings
- Improve existing park facilities
- Add new park/recreation facilities
- Economic development, job creation, expansion
- Add new housing stock in the community
- Improve the sidewalk and trail network in the city
- Improve the education system
- Redevelop tired/older strip commercial development
- Add new development to downtown
- Others: _____

Question #5: If you had a blank check and unlimited funding, where (geographic location) in Ironwood would you invest it? (check up to 3)

- Along the Highway 2 Corridor
- In Downtown
- Along the river (water quality/environmental habitat)
- Strengthening existing neighborhood infrastructure (streets/ sewer/water)
- Strengthening/improving existing neighborhood housing stock
- Redevelopment sites within the existing city
- Others: _____

Think about the following statements and tell us how important they are using the scale provided (select one for each statement)		Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Housing	Improving the Existing Housing Stock	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Adding to the diversity of available housing choices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business	Encouraging new business development/growth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Working with existing business to promote job growth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Improving existing buildings in Downtown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Supporting arts, entertainment and cultural programs in town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Developing vacant lands within established neighborhoods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Civic	Improving the variety of shopping and restaurant services (coffee shops, breweries, restaurants,	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Improving city sewer and water systems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Improving existing streets in town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Enhancing the public realm/spaces within Downtown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Improving and maintaining existing sidewalk and trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Adding to or filling missing connections in the existing sidewalk and trail system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Natural / Parks	Improving access to technology such as fiber optic, broadband, and wireless internet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Preserving natural resources and habitat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Adding new park facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Maintaining and improving existing park facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Supporting recreation programs for seniors and the elderly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Supporting recreation programs for adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	Supporting recreation programs for youth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Selling of public owned lands that are not needed for public use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Preserving historic sites and structures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Promoting tourism and outdoor recreation opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Enhancing the image of the community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Create new or strengthen existing community gathering places	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Coordinating/cooperating on a regional level for delivery of services and economic development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you have additional comments or is there anything else we should know? _____

If you have more comments, feel free to attach another sheet of paper


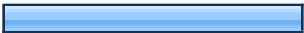







Tell us a bit about yourself: (select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> I am a Resident of Ironwood	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 and under	<input type="checkbox"/> 36-54
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a Property Owner in Ironwood	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 55-79
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a Business Owner in Ironwood		<input type="checkbox"/> 18-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 80+
<input type="checkbox"/> I live outside of Ironwood, but in the area		<input type="checkbox"/> 21-35	
<input type="checkbox"/> None of the statements above describe me			
















Thank you again for your time and input. If you are using the paper survey, please return it no later than January 3rd to:

Michael J. D. Brown, Ironwood Community Development Director
 Memorial Building, 213 S. Marquette St., Ironwood, MI 49938












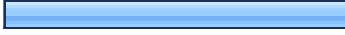


1. Why do you live in Ironwood (pick your top 3)

		Response Percent	Response Count
To live near family or friends		56.7%	303
I was Born here		44.9%	240
To be close to work or work opportunities		18.5%	99
To be near amenities like stores and community centers		4.7%	25
Good schools		5.1%	27
Affordability of housing		29.6%	158
Arts, Entertainment, and Cultural opportunities		4.9%	26
Outdoor recreation opportunities		43.6%	233
Scenic beauty		39.0%	208
	Other (please specify)		109
answered question			534
skipped question			58

2. What are the things you like most about Ironwood (check the top 3)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Transportation system – ability to get around		6.1%	34
Housing stock (quality)		1.3%	7
Housing stock (variety)		2.2%	12
Housing (affordability)		31.0%	172
Park and recreation system – quality of parks		4.9%	27
Park and recreation system – availability and accessibility of fields, playgrounds, parks		6.9%	38
Access to outdoor recreation, nature, forests, Lake Superior, rivers and streams		70.4%	390
Summer and winter power sports: ATV, snowmobile, motocross, others...		26.5%	147
Summer and winter silent sports: Biking, hiking, snowshoeing, skiing		42.6%	236
Schools/Education System		9.6%	53
Access to art, entertainment, and cultural amenities		8.3%	46
Access to shopping and restaurants		7.0%	39
Access to jobs		3.6%	20
Diversity of jobs		0.4%	2
Safe community		52.2%	289
	Other (please specify)		56
answered question			554

3. What are the things you like least about Ironwood (check the top 3)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Transportation system – ability to get around		13.0%	70
Housing stock (quality)		20.3%	109
Housing stock (variety)		6.1%	33
Housing (affordability)		2.6%	14
Park and recreation system – quality of parks		3.9%	21
Park and recreation system – availability and accessibility of fields, playgrounds, parks		2.0%	11
Access to outdoor recreation, nature, forests, Lake Superior, rivers and streams		1.1%	6
City infrastructure/services: streets, lighting, water, power, fire protection, police protection, etc.		45.6%	245
Schools/Education System		28.5%	153
Access to art, entertainment, and cultural amenities		16.0%	86
Access to shopping and restaurants		35.8%	192
Access to jobs		51.2%	275
Diversity of jobs		45.8%	246
Safe community		4.1%	22

Other (please specify)

106

answered question

537







skipped question

55

4. If you had a blank check and unlimited funding, what would you invest in? (check up to 3)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Improve the road/street system		66.8%	378
Improve the existing housing stock		9.0%	51
Improve existing downtown buildings		14.7%	83
Improve existing park facilities		6.2%	35
Add new park/recreation facilities		7.4%	42
Economic development, job creation, expansion		68.2%	386
Add new housing stock in the community		4.8%	27
Improve the sidewalk and trail network in the city		21.9%	124
Improve the education system		35.3%	200
Redevelop tired/older strip commercial development		15.7%	89
Add new development to downtown		24.4%	138
	Other (please specify)		85
answered question			566
skipped question			26

5. If you had a blank check and unlimited funding, where (geographic location) in Ironwood would you invest it? (check up to 3)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Along the Highway 2 Corridor		48.6%	270
In Downtown		57.3%	318
Along the river (water quality/environmental habitat)		19.6%	109
Strengthening existing neighborhood infrastructure (streets/sewer/water)		62.9%	349
Strengthening/improving existing neighborhood housing stock		25.4%	141
Redevelopment sites within the existing city		35.1%	195
	Other (please specify)		59
		answered question	555
		skipped question	37

6. Think about the following statements and tell us how important they are using the scale provided (select one for each statement)






	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion	Rating Count
Improving the Existing Housing Stock	13.5% (70)	34.7% (180)	32.6% (169)	13.5% (70)	5.6% (29)	518
Adding to the diversity of available housing choices	9.3% (48)	25.5% (131)	38.9% (200)	20.2% (104)	6.0% (31)	514
Encouraging new business development/growth	78.8% (409)	17.3% (90)	2.7% (14)	0.8% (4)	0.4% (2)	519
Working with existing business to promote job growth	69.3% (362)	21.8% (114)	6.1% (32)	2.1% (11)	0.6% (3)	522
Improving existing buildings in Downtown	29.5% (154)	33.3% (174)	26.8% (140)	9.0% (47)	1.3% (7)	522
Supporting arts, entertainment and cultural programs in town	24.6% (128)	32.7% (170)	29.4% (153)	10.4% (54)	2.9% (15)	520
Developing vacant lands within established neighborhoods	9.8% (51)	25.8% (134)	35.8% (186)	24.8% (129)	3.8% (20)	520
Improving the variety of shopping and restaurant services (coffee shops, breweries, restaurants, etc.)	36.3% (191)	31.4% (165)	24.7% (130)	7.0% (37)	0.6% (3)	526
Improving city sewer and water systems	46.6% (244)	32.4% (170)	16.2% (85)	2.7% (14)	2.1% (11)	524
Improving existing streets in town	66.9% (354)	23.1% (122)	6.8% (36)	2.6% (14)	0.6% (3)	529
Enhancing the public realm/spaces within Downtown	19.3% (99)	28.2% (145)	35.4% (182)	14.0% (72)	3.1% (16)	514
Improving and maintaining existing sidewalk and trails	31.2% (162)	33.1% (172)	27.7% (144)	7.1% (37)	1.0% (5)	520
Adding to or filling missing connections in the existing sidewalk and trail system	29.1% (150)	30.2% (156)	27.7% (143)	11.4% (59)	1.6% (8)	516
Improving access to technology such as fiber optic, broadband, and wireless internet	34.4% (181)	36.3% (191)	20.5% (108)	5.7% (30)	3.0% (16)	526

Preserving natural resources and habitat	34.0% (177)	35.4% (184)	21.7% (113)	6.0% (31)	2.9% (15)	520
Adding new park facilities	11.0% (57)	20.1% (104)	32.1% (166)	32.9% (170)	3.9% (20)	517
Maintaining and improving existing park facilities	23.7% (123)	38.2% (198)	26.4% (137)	9.7% (50)	1.9% (10)	518
Supporting recreation programs for seniors and the elderly	21.3% (111)	35.4% (184)	29.4% (153)	11.7% (61)	2.1% (11)	520
Supporting recreation programs for adults	22.0% (115)	37.5% (196)	28.0% (146)	11.7% (61)	0.8% (4)	522
Supporting recreation programs for youth	42.0% (221)	36.9% (194)	16.3% (86)	4.0% (21)	0.8% (4)	526
Selling of public owned lands that are not needed for public use	21.1% (110)	32.4% (169)	25.7% (134)	13.6% (71)	7.1% (37)	521
Preserving historic sites and structures	31.6% (163)	34.5% (178)	26.0% (134)	5.6% (29)	2.3% (12)	516
Promoting tourism and outdoor recreation opportunities	55.9% (291)	29.8% (155)	10.7% (56)	2.1% (11)	1.5% (8)	521
Enhancing the image of the community.	58.8% (308)	29.6% (155)	8.6% (45)	2.7% (14)	0.4% (2)	524
Create new or strengthen existing community gathering places	26.1% (135)	36.4% (188)	25.7% (133)	10.1% (52)	1.7% (9)	517
Coordinating/cooperating on a regional level for delivery of services and economic development	46.5% (242)	33.8% (176)	13.3% (69)	4.0% (21)	2.3% (12)	520
answered question						539
skipped question						53

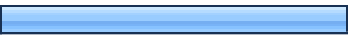

7. Do you have additional comments? -or- Is there anything else we should know for this planning process?

	Response Count
	234
answered question	234
skipped question	358







8. Tell us a bit about yourself (check all that apply):

		Response Percent	Response Count
I am a Resident of Ironwood		70.9%	385
I am a Property Owner in Ironwood		56.0%	304
I am a Business Owner in Ironwood		13.6%	74
I live outside of Ironwood, but in the area		16.2%	88
None of the statements above describe me		2.0%	11
	answered question		543
	skipped question		49

9. I am:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Male		51.9%	279
Female		48.1%	259
	answered question		538
	skipped question		54

10. My age is:

		Response Percent	Response Count
12 or under		0.0%	0
13-17		8.8%	48
18-20		2.4%	13
21-35		15.5%	84
36-54		28.9%	157
55-79		39.8%	216
80+		4.6%	25
answered question			543
skipped question			49

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1	Historical Assets	Feb 6, 2014 1:59 PM
2	Unemployed	Feb 2, 2014 11:04 AM
3	too young to leave	Feb 2, 2014 10:29 AM
4	I'm a foreign exchange student from Slovakia	Feb 2, 2014 10:20 AM
5	Family, No choice	Feb 2, 2014 9:48 AM
6	I have to	Feb 2, 2014 9:40 AM
7	Get out of the city	Feb 2, 2014 9:14 AM
8	Had to move with the family when I was 3	Jan 31, 2014 6:32 AM
9	my dad got a job here	Jan 31, 2014 6:27 AM
10	We moved here	Jan 31, 2014 6:11 AM
11	I have to	Jan 31, 2014 6:08 AM
12	Parents	Jan 31, 2014 5:54 AM
13	Ironwood's rich history. Once one of the greatest Iron Mining Cities in America	Jan 30, 2014 10:05 AM
14	Vacation Home	Jan 21, 2014 9:08 AM
15	Stuck here	Jan 16, 2014 6:44 AM
16	lived here my whole life	Jan 13, 2014 2:23 PM
17	Job	Jan 12, 2014 8:56 PM
18	going to GCC	Jan 12, 2014 4:56 PM
19	I do not live in Ironwood	Jan 11, 2014 2:06 PM
20	We own a ski house so part-time residents	Jan 9, 2014 8:07 AM
21	X-country skiing, kayaking, hiking, snow shoeing, the Porkies	Jan 9, 2014 7:12 AM
22	I live in Wakefield	Jan 8, 2014 3:19 PM
23	2nd Home	Jan 7, 2014 5:58 AM
24	N/A	Jan 7, 2014 5:42 AM
25	I don't, I live in northern WI	Jan 6, 2014 11:33 AM
26	I don't live in Ironwood.	Jan 3, 2014 8:08 PM
27	Moved to DC/MD for work; return to Ironwood June, 2015.	Jan 2, 2014 1:30 PM

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28	not my choice	Jan 2, 2014 9:41 AM
29	moved here to be near in laws late in their lives	Dec 31, 2013 12:53 PM
30	I don't live here. and probably won't. the city is a mess in my opinion.	Dec 31, 2013 11:44 AM
31	Lack of Ethnic Diversity	Dec 30, 2013 3:43 PM
32	Transferred here with husband	Dec 30, 2013 8:45 AM
33	Weather, cooler summers and white winters	Dec 30, 2013 7:45 AM
34	Clean air	Dec 30, 2013 7:26 AM
35	Summer home	Dec 30, 2013 7:18 AM
36	I live in Wakefield.	Dec 29, 2013 5:23 AM
37	Safety Low Crime	Dec 27, 2013 8:35 AM
38	To attend and save money at Gogebic Community College	Dec 23, 2013 11:53 AM
39	HUSBAND DOES NOT WANT TO LEAVE AREA	Dec 23, 2013 10:45 AM
40	Cross Country Skiing, snow, Lake Superior	Dec 23, 2013 9:10 AM
41	my husband and I have good jobs	Dec 23, 2013 7:28 AM
42	Can't sell my house for what it's mortgage is.	Dec 23, 2013 5:48 AM
43	stuck here	Dec 22, 2013 6:28 PM
44	were my husband wanted to kive, he was born here	Dec 22, 2013 3:20 PM
45	I do not live in Ironwood	Dec 22, 2013 2:20 PM
46	I don't	Dec 22, 2013 2:00 PM
47	Gogebic Community College	Dec 22, 2013 11:09 AM
48	College	Dec 20, 2013 8:04 PM
49	No third.	Dec 20, 2013 2:50 PM
50	College	Dec 20, 2013 2:10 PM
51	Student at GCC	Dec 20, 2013 12:11 PM
52	inexpensive place to live	Dec 20, 2013 12:01 PM
53	Raise a family in nature!	Dec 20, 2013 9:00 AM
54	Got married and husband lived here	Dec 20, 2013 8:07 AM

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55	must be menally ill or something! (yes really)	Dec 19, 2013 12:53 PM
56	Snowmobiling!	Dec 18, 2013 5:48 AM
57	have rental homes	Dec 18, 2013 5:43 AM
58	Job Offer	Dec 18, 2013 5:23 AM
59	When moving here 7 years ago, the town was safer and less integrated.	Dec 18, 2013 5:20 AM
60	Live in WI but own business in Ironwood	Dec 17, 2013 9:06 AM
61	Property Ownere	Dec 17, 2013 8:57 AM
62	x	Dec 17, 2013 8:55 AM
63	Friendly community	Dec 17, 2013 8:52 AM
64	I can't afford to move financially	Dec 16, 2013 7:51 PM
65	I do not live in Ironwood	Dec 16, 2013 10:06 AM
66	Family situations prevent me from leaving and finding a better place.	Dec 15, 2013 12:53 AM
67	visit my son and daughter n law in Ironwood	Dec 14, 2013 8:43 PM
68	the wife wants to live here	Dec 14, 2013 1:02 PM
69	clean air	Dec 13, 2013 8:23 AM
70	Personal Safty	Dec 12, 2013 2:26 PM
71	Relocated to run a business in the area.	Dec 12, 2013 2:25 PM
72	I don't live here, but I do work here. Live in a nearby town.	Dec 12, 2013 2:00 PM
73	mom is from here and always loved being here	Dec 12, 2013 8:49 AM
74	Bought a house here. Stuck here.	Dec 12, 2013 6:45 AM
75	Financially stuck	Dec 11, 2013 9:14 AM
76	Relying on God	Dec 11, 2013 9:12 AM
77	Raised here	Dec 11, 2013 9:05 AM
78	Vacation home	Dec 11, 2013 8:40 AM
79	Small town environment	Dec 11, 2013 6:45 AM
80	Quiet small town atmosphere	Dec 11, 2013 6:42 AM
81	Small town values.	Dec 11, 2013 6:02 AM

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82	Our property on Lake Superior Shores	Dec 11, 2013 5:59 AM
83	Small town community. With a lot of snow!	Dec 10, 2013 4:55 PM
84	Good place to retire	Dec 10, 2013 4:33 PM
85	I live nearby.	Dec 9, 2013 5:37 PM
86	Move out of ironwood due to declining economy	Dec 9, 2013 10:39 AM
87	It's not a big city.	Dec 9, 2013 7:59 AM
88	A mistake	Dec 6, 2013 6:47 PM
89	I own Downtown Antiques/Miner's Mural Bldg 221 S Suffolk	Dec 5, 2013 9:28 AM
90	I own property but don't live here	Dec 5, 2013 9:26 AM
91	Definitely not for our wonderful road system.	Dec 5, 2013 9:19 AM
92	Annexation	Dec 5, 2013 9:07 AM
93	I have a good job and don't want to give it up at the moment	Dec 4, 2013 12:05 PM
94	Lived here all my life	Dec 4, 2013 9:01 AM
95	To live in a safe environment as opposed to a big city where I lived for 35 years.	Dec 4, 2013 8:37 AM
96	I would combine scenic beauty and outdoor recreation as 1 category	Dec 3, 2013 12:12 PM
97	I don't....but I pay taxes on 3 properties	Dec 3, 2013 11:33 AM
98	live here part time	Dec 3, 2013 9:26 AM
99	Can't afford to move	Dec 3, 2013 8:11 AM
100	Proximity to Lake Superior	Dec 3, 2013 7:39 AM
101	I do not live in but work in Marenisco	Dec 3, 2013 7:38 AM
102	Job opportunity for me	Dec 3, 2013 7:29 AM
103	Stayed after retirement, Lake Superior fishing	Dec 3, 2013 6:33 AM
104	husband is terminal wants to die here	Dec 2, 2013 6:43 PM
105	To live in a small town away from the many problems associated with a larger city.	Dec 2, 2013 5:51 PM
106	Clean environment	Nov 30, 2013 7:45 AM
107	Because I can't sell my property and move due to dimal housing markert and high property taxes	Nov 29, 2013 11:00 AM

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108	Property values dropped so low *****	Nov 25, 2013 3:31 PM
109	Stuck here for financial reasons.	Nov 25, 2013 3:12 PM

Page 2, Q2. What are the things you like most about Ironwood (check the top 3)

1	Historical Assets	Feb 6, 2014 1:59 PM
2	Nothing	Feb 2, 2014 11:04 AM
3	small population, less traffic for running	Feb 2, 2014 9:40 AM
4	Fishing & Hunting	Jan 31, 2014 6:25 AM
5	You can interact with law officers. ex. DIVR	Jan 31, 2014 5:50 AM
6	Nothing	Jan 16, 2014 6:44 AM
7	no other	Jan 15, 2014 10:06 AM
8	nmeeds more wheelchair accessible housing	Jan 13, 2014 7:40 AM
9	Affordable College	Jan 3, 2014 8:08 PM
10	A good library	Jan 3, 2014 5:36 AM
11	Great Train Depot. Expand Idea Into Historic Ironwood.	Jan 2, 2014 1:30 PM
12	small town, I would have said safe but with the meth labs in this town I do not feel as safe	Dec 30, 2013 4:02 PM
13	Small town in a great climate, especially in summer	Dec 24, 2013 9:36 AM
14	Silent Sports, hiking, biking, cross country skiing	Dec 23, 2013 9:10 AM
15	Great House!	Dec 23, 2013 6:01 AM
16	not much	Dec 22, 2013 3:20 PM
17	None of the above	Dec 22, 2013 2:00 PM
18	No third.	Dec 20, 2013 2:50 PM
19	family is here	Dec 20, 2013 12:01 PM
20	Community College	Dec 20, 2013 11:44 AM
21	Winter with lots of snow!	Dec 20, 2013 9:00 AM
22	Near family	Dec 18, 2013 6:16 AM
23	Small town friendliness, caring community	Dec 17, 2013 9:00 AM
24	X	Dec 17, 2013 8:55 AM
25	what I like nothing. there's nothing to like. you can go anywhere for a lake etc.	Dec 16, 2013 7:51 PM
26	Access to the scenic beauty of the greater area	Dec 16, 2013 3:50 PM
27	cooperation of the water and utilities dept. heads	Dec 16, 2013 11:03 AM

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28	My family lives here.	Dec 15, 2013 10:23 AM
29	None of the things you mentioned are "good" here.	Dec 15, 2013 12:53 AM
30	nice, small community	Dec 14, 2013 8:43 PM
31	clean air	Dec 13, 2013 8:23 AM
32	You subdivided the outdoor/park choices so much I had to use all three choices up on them alone.	Dec 13, 2013 6:13 AM
33	No traffic	Dec 12, 2013 4:06 PM
34	Arts & cultural are a very close runner up but our resort draws on the natural areas and recreation	Dec 12, 2013 2:25 PM
35	Nothing except my family	Dec 12, 2013 6:48 AM
36	Don't kid yourself. Seeing God work in Midst of great darkness.	Dec 11, 2013 9:12 AM
37	Hospital, School, fresh air	Dec 11, 2013 9:05 AM
38	People - friends	Dec 11, 2013 7:09 AM
39	Small town "vibe", volunteerism, ability to make a difference	Dec 9, 2013 11:58 AM
40	Do Not like Ironwood the people do not want change	Dec 9, 2013 10:39 AM
41	Nothing to like here, *****	Dec 6, 2013 6:47 PM
42	Carnegie Library	Dec 5, 2013 9:21 AM
43	downtown	Dec 5, 2013 7:52 AM
44	own business here.	Dec 4, 2013 12:23 PM
45	Renatal property is cheap but because of water rates and taxes really not the best location to have rentals. Example...rental in Arizona nets 72% more income than Ironwood. rental in Wakefield Michigan nets 53% more income. People are looking in Ironwood as a last resort and often ask if we have property outside of the city.	Dec 3, 2013 11:33 AM
46	Quality of Parks/trails and the Arts are getting better. Cheapest way to promote our area to outsiders.	Dec 3, 2013 10:09 AM
47	It's a quite town, people get along with strangers/helpful	Dec 3, 2013 9:26 AM
48	NA	Dec 3, 2013 8:32 AM
49	Know so many people	Dec 3, 2013 7:47 AM
50	Small population	Dec 2, 2013 7:42 PM
51	Friends and family	Dec 2, 2013 5:38 PM

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52	small town friendliness	Dec 2, 2013 11:42 AM
53	NONE!!	Nov 29, 2013 11:00 AM
54	Since when are any of these QUALITY things IN Ironwood?	Nov 25, 2013 3:31 PM
55	Who would check any of these? My daughter lives here.	Nov 25, 2013 3:12 PM
56	hurley	Nov 25, 2013 12:25 AM

Page 2, Q3. What are the things you like least about Ironwood (check the top 3)

1	No Museums	Feb 2, 2014 10:43 AM
2	winter weather	Feb 2, 2014 10:15 AM
3	Winter Weather	Feb 2, 2014 9:40 AM
4	city limits are too far out	Feb 2, 2014 9:14 AM
5	Not much opportunity	Jan 31, 2014 6:32 AM
6	I dont have many	Jan 31, 2014 6:27 AM
7	High Property Taxes	Jan 30, 2014 10:14 AM
8	Plowing and street conditions are bad	Jan 30, 2014 10:11 AM
9	Not enough jobs to keep youth in the area	Jan 30, 2014 10:05 AM
10	Cost of services	Jan 30, 2014 10:01 AM
11	No Concerts	Jan 16, 2014 6:46 AM
12	Roads and bad attitudes	Jan 15, 2014 6:14 AM
13	Not a big variety in shopping here.	Jan 15, 2014 6:08 AM
14	Poor Roads	Jan 13, 2014 11:21 AM
15	Many racist people.	Jan 12, 2014 8:56 PM
16	ATVs on city streets and in Miners Park	Jan 9, 2014 8:07 AM
17	High taxes and high water bills. I am a single person and use very little water and always have a high water bill!	Jan 8, 2014 7:11 AM
18	Very run down and appearance of current housing not kept up or enforced.	Jan 7, 2014 5:58 AM
19	Events	Jan 7, 2014 5:55 AM
20	Suicide/Drugs/Disease is extrememly high	Jan 3, 2014 8:08 PM
21	Potholes, crooked utility poles and ugly signage!	Jan 2, 2014 1:30 PM
22	the poor quality of the school system will remain a liability in attracting professionals or people who value quality education for their children	Dec 31, 2013 12:53 PM
23	No easy access to airports (wausau & Duluth). Recording only when calling fire dept/police. Utilities are high and the holes in my street are ruining my car.	Dec 30, 2013 7:45 AM
24	Too much money going into parks and recreation rather than needs of town-streets. Emergency system and water sewer lines.	Dec 30, 2013 7:26 AM
25	Town not growing	Dec 30, 2013 7:18 AM

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26	Low paying jobs	Dec 30, 2013 7:15 AM
27	Roads (conditions)	Dec 30, 2013 7:08 AM
28	Water Bill is 3x too high	Dec 30, 2013 7:02 AM
29	Negativity of many local people	Dec 30, 2013 6:59 AM
30	Blythe is terrible	Dec 27, 2013 8:35 AM
31	Roads. Dumpy vacant buildings	Dec 26, 2013 6:11 AM
32	Sidewalks not plowed. ***** for someone like me who has to walk 4 miles every day.	Dec 25, 2013 7:30 PM
33	road conditions, plowing terrible	Dec 24, 2013 12:29 PM
34	*****	Dec 24, 2013 7:53 AM
35	The roads are horrible in all seasons. The water is disgusting.	Dec 23, 2013 11:53 AM
36	ROADS ARE TERRIBLE AND NEVER KEPT UP IN WINTER	Dec 23, 2013 10:45 AM
37	parks have older children that make it difficult for parents feel younger children can play freely	Dec 23, 2013 7:28 AM
38	In reference of the schools - Public Schools	Dec 23, 2013 6:15 AM
39	We need sidewalks!	Dec 23, 2013 6:01 AM
40	*****	Dec 22, 2013 2:00 PM
41	plowing	Dec 22, 2013 11:09 AM
42	water bill is way too high. ***** the roads are terrible and require extra vehicle care costs.	Dec 21, 2013 8:09 AM
43	Unwillingness of local government to become less patronizing.	Dec 20, 2013 2:50 PM
44	Schools would be the quality/safety of the Elementary/High School only and does not include the college	Dec 20, 2013 12:33 PM
45	good ol boy mindset, tough for people new to area	Dec 20, 2013 12:01 PM
46	poor road quality	Dec 20, 2013 10:03 AM
47	property tax way too high	Dec 19, 2013 12:53 PM
48	Taxes and water rates	Dec 18, 2013 6:16 AM
49	Ability to keep the young people employed so they stay around.	Dec 18, 2013 6:01 AM
50	Loud ATVs - Snowmobiles	Dec 18, 2013 5:58 AM

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51	Roads #1 Bad Condition.	Dec 18, 2013 5:48 AM
52	Higher Taxes	Dec 18, 2013 5:40 AM
53	Some businesses	Dec 18, 2013 5:23 AM
54	Too restrictive lawn ordinance.	Dec 17, 2013 9:20 AM
55	Badly need a clothing store and shoe store.	Dec 17, 2013 9:18 AM
56	Roads	Dec 17, 2013 9:16 AM
57	Blighted housing	Dec 17, 2013 9:00 AM
58	Poor roads	Dec 17, 2013 8:57 AM
59	The people who think they can run this city and the redundant water rates and taxes	Dec 16, 2013 7:51 PM
60	paying for a side walk square when nobody else has a side walk	Dec 16, 2013 11:03 AM
61	LACK OF JOBS!!!! LACK OF JOBS!!	Dec 15, 2013 10:23 AM
62	Have been very unsatisfied with the upkeep of the Riverside Cemetary. Shamefull!	Dec 15, 2013 9:38 AM
63	Three options are not enough.	Dec 15, 2013 12:53 AM
64	generally rundown appearance	Dec 14, 2013 1:02 PM
65	streets	Dec 13, 2013 10:50 AM
66	US2 Corridor Power lines and light post	Dec 12, 2013 3:25 PM
67	Low wage jobs----- High property taxes.--- Bad roads	Dec 12, 2013 2:26 PM
68	WATER & SEWER FEES TO COMPARE TO NEIGHBORING CITIES	Dec 12, 2013 12:55 PM
69	Not with all the perverts and drunks (safe)	Dec 12, 2013 6:48 AM
70	Water and property taxes too high	Dec 11, 2013 9:14 AM
71	Attitudes of leaders and general populace.	Dec 11, 2013 9:12 AM
72	"JOBS"	Dec 11, 2013 9:05 AM
73	Bad roads/some city workers	Dec 11, 2013 7:09 AM
74	Lack of expeditious enforcement of blight control	Dec 11, 2013 6:48 AM
75	Michigan State Government	Dec 11, 2013 6:45 AM
76	Lack of cultural diversity in food and social makeup	Dec 11, 2013 6:39 AM

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77	Too many welfare people	Dec 11, 2013 6:20 AM
78	Increase in drug activity	Dec 11, 2013 5:59 AM
79	Lack of: vision, planning, open minded citizenry	Dec 9, 2013 4:13 PM
80	Blight	Dec 9, 2013 11:58 AM
81	Nothing to like here, poeple are to themselves and colleting our money from taxes and use them to their retirement	Dec 6, 2013 6:47 PM
82	Industry for more job opportunities	Dec 5, 2013 9:28 AM
83	NA	Dec 5, 2013 9:26 AM
84	High tax rates (real estate)	Dec 4, 2013 9:09 AM
85	events	Dec 4, 2013 9:06 AM
86	Too many parks	Dec 4, 2013 8:43 AM
87	blight enforcement	Dec 4, 2013 8:25 AM
88	Bad Streets (Condition)	Dec 4, 2013 8:22 AM
89	Low income riff raff, drugs moving in, locking my car	Dec 3, 2013 12:38 PM
90	high water rates every month, not quarterly. Promoting Motorsports attracts the wrong demographic and limited economic gain.	Dec 3, 2013 10:09 AM
91	job's, you need job's	Dec 3, 2013 9:26 AM
92	Living wage jobs	Dec 3, 2013 9:14 AM
93	Roads	Dec 3, 2013 8:49 AM
94	no comment	Dec 3, 2013 8:39 AM
95	Access to paved bike trail	Dec 3, 2013 8:35 AM
96	cost/taxes/bad roads	Dec 3, 2013 8:11 AM
97	Drug Crime (Meth) and lack of art in schools	Dec 3, 2013 8:09 AM
98	Sidewalks	Dec 3, 2013 8:00 AM
99	plowing is horrible!	Dec 3, 2013 7:49 AM
100	reluctance to change	Dec 3, 2013 7:19 AM
101	Motorized recreational vehicles on city streets.	Dec 2, 2013 6:33 PM
102	abandoned buidlings	Dec 1, 2013 7:25 PM

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103	N/A	Dec 1, 2013 12:59 PM
104	high cost of water, public transportation	Dec 1, 2013 10:03 AM
105	Economic Depression	Nov 30, 2013 7:45 AM
106	Terrible way the city operates, lousy city planning!	Nov 29, 2013 11:00 AM

Page 2, Q4. If you had a blank check and unlimited funding, what would you invest in? (check up to 3)

1	Civil Litigation	Feb 2, 2014 11:04 AM
2	Music Store	Feb 2, 2014 10:43 AM
3	Taco Bell!	Feb 2, 2014 10:29 AM
4	Taco Bell!	Feb 2, 2014 10:25 AM
5	Restaurants	Jan 31, 2014 6:25 AM
6	Improve the school's sports facilities	Jan 31, 2014 6:23 AM
7	School Sports	Jan 31, 2014 6:10 AM
8	Something to do	Jan 31, 2014 6:05 AM
9	All of the above	Jan 31, 2014 5:56 AM
10	fish stocking	Jan 31, 2014 5:50 AM
11	Refund Property Taxes	Jan 30, 2014 10:14 AM
12	have more opportunities and activities for children	Jan 22, 2014 7:35 AM
13	Collaboration and cooperation between existing organizations/government	Jan 20, 2014 3:01 PM
14	Invest in ski jumping and bike trails. People & jobs will follow	Jan 16, 2014 6:46 AM
15	More shopping like Kohl's Target, etc.	Jan 16, 2014 6:42 AM
16	add wheelchair accessible houses	Jan 13, 2014 7:40 AM
17	Remove blighted properties	Jan 9, 2014 8:07 AM
18	Assisted living for seniors	Jan 8, 2014 7:11 AM
19	Fitness (YMCA) activities for youth.	Jan 7, 2014 5:58 AM
20	Tourism	Jan 7, 2014 5:55 AM
21	Get rid of abandoned and/or deteriorating houses & buildings.	Jan 7, 2014 5:44 AM
22	The school system should consolidate with Bessmer and Wakefield. Disparate treatment among those with prominent family and those without should stop. Higher expectations of students and accountability for teachers is needed.	Jan 6, 2014 8:14 AM
23	Programs for youth to help them become responsible adults & involved citizens (not programs for entertainment)	Jan 3, 2014 5:28 AM
24	Add cultural/environmental art and design into community fabric	Jan 2, 2014 1:30 PM
25	improve silent sports options	Dec 31, 2013 12:53 PM
26	Sewer water system upgrading.	Dec 30, 2013 8:47 AM

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27	Broaden education to include decision making, creative thinking, life skills. There's a company called "The Great Courses" which has DVDs of lectures from courses across the country. They're affordable and always have huge sales and come with teaching guides. www.thegreatcourses.com . These can be used for students and adult ed. and will improve lives greatly. Vast subject matter.	Dec 30, 2013 7:45 AM
28	Better medical system; work on city-wide attitude.	Dec 30, 2013 7:26 AM
29	Town facelift small business. Sell websites	Dec 30, 2013 7:18 AM
30	cleaning streets in winter. Hurley Streets are clear, ours are not. We could learn from them!	Dec 30, 2013 7:15 AM
31	Renovate & restore/expand carnegie library	Dec 30, 2013 6:59 AM
32	tear down vacant/dumpy buildings	Dec 26, 2013 6:11 AM
33	fix the worst roads first	Dec 24, 2013 7:53 AM
34	atv trails and hiking trails	Dec 24, 2013 5:56 AM
35	unsafe making children walk unattended on busy roads	Dec 23, 2013 7:28 AM
36	Improvement in education quality in public schools	Dec 23, 2013 6:15 AM
37	Moving somewhere else	Dec 22, 2013 2:00 PM
38	outsource city officials to run our community	Dec 21, 2013 7:25 PM
39	The US2 corridor is unkept!	Dec 21, 2013 4:49 PM
40	Expand the downtown area or find a way to intrergrate it into the Hiway 2 community	Dec 21, 2013 1:26 PM
41	More businesses and jobs	Dec 21, 2013 7:55 AM
42	Get rid of all the old, run down, falling apart buildings and homes!	Dec 20, 2013 12:05 PM
43	Help Ironwood become the outdoor recreation capital of the Midwest!	Dec 20, 2013 9:00 AM
44	If we have this the rest will follow in tax revenue	Dec 18, 2013 6:01 AM
45	Lower taxes	Dec 18, 2013 5:40 AM
46	Jobs to attract good families	Dec 17, 2013 9:00 AM
47	I'd invest in my future elsewhere if I had a blank check.	Dec 16, 2013 7:51 PM
48	Raze dilapidated housing and business buildings	Dec 16, 2013 3:50 PM
49	Municipal Bonds	Dec 15, 2013 12:53 AM
50	outdoor ice skating facility	Dec 14, 2013 1:02 PM

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51	Dress up the US2 highway corridor	Dec 12, 2013 3:25 PM
52	New sidewalks--curb&gutter in residential neighborhoods	Dec 12, 2013 2:26 PM
53	Youth programs for after school. Help get rid of the outrageous PAUD costs	Dec 12, 2013 2:25 PM
54	Invest in mountain bike trails as this brings more money into an area than any other sport or activity and that's a proven fact.	Dec 12, 2013 2:23 PM
55	CITY EMPLOYEES DOING MORE FOR THE TAX PAYER	Dec 12, 2013 12:55 PM
56	a museum would be nice	Dec 12, 2013 6:50 AM
57	Stop wasting \$ on tearing down and work with people to build up beneficial businesses.	Dec 11, 2013 9:12 AM
58	Bus Ticket	Dec 11, 2013 9:05 AM
59	Recreation has proven the only route to more jobs.	Dec 9, 2013 5:37 PM
60	Smaller footprint: close some neighborhoods, invest in others	Dec 9, 2013 4:13 PM
61	I would not invest any money in Ironwood	Dec 9, 2013 10:39 AM
62	Adding a summer outdoor olympic Pool, Sauna, jakuzzi, all in one place to use all year long. bringing home depot, menards to here and close the places that they rip you off and suck your money on the way out.	Dec 6, 2013 6:47 PM
63	Support and improve library	Dec 5, 2013 9:21 AM
64	Educational buildings, get the proposed mines going	Dec 4, 2013 9:09 AM
65	Tourism	Dec 4, 2013 9:06 AM
66	Improve Library	Dec 4, 2013 8:28 AM
67	Promote Ironwood as a safe, economic and active place to retire. Bike trails, Arts and museums/organizations to attract empty nesters. izations to attract empty nesters	Dec 3, 2013 10:09 AM
68	norrie park need's help/too many dead tree's in view	Dec 3, 2013 9:26 AM
69	get good paying jobs	Dec 3, 2013 9:14 AM
70	test 123	Dec 3, 2013 9:12 AM
71	Build senior apartments.	Dec 3, 2013 9:09 AM
72	Clean up run down buildings and property.	Dec 3, 2013 9:06 AM
73	Norrie Park roads. Nice park, terrible roads!	Dec 3, 2013 8:22 AM
74	consolidate schools/lower taxes	Dec 3, 2013 8:11 AM

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75	make sure road are plowed and safe in the winter	Dec 3, 2013 7:49 AM
76	Communications	Dec 3, 2013 7:42 AM
77	Infrastructure, sewer, water lines, blight	Dec 3, 2013 7:29 AM
78	getting rid of serious blight	Dec 3, 2013 4:59 AM
79	purchase and remove abandoned buildings	Dec 1, 2013 7:25 PM
80	inexpesive transportaion for seniors	Dec 1, 2013 10:03 AM
81	redevelop existing park facilities	Nov 30, 2013 7:45 AM
82	Aggresively pursue new buisnnes to build here	Nov 29, 2013 11:00 AM
83	Anywhere OTHER than Ironwood.	Nov 25, 2013 3:31 PM
84	public saftey dept	Nov 25, 2013 12:25 AM
85	improve public safety	Nov 24, 2013 11:45 PM

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1	Fencing	Feb 2, 2014 11:04 AM
2	By the lake	Feb 2, 2014 9:52 AM
3	Park Sites	Feb 2, 2014 9:40 AM
4	lakes	Jan 31, 2014 5:50 AM
5	Reducing City Payroll	Jan 30, 2014 10:14 AM
6	I would add things for the local children to do anywhere in the area	Jan 22, 2014 7:35 AM
7	To make the college grow	Jan 16, 2014 6:46 AM
8	We've had ongoing sewer problems	Jan 9, 2014 8:07 AM
9	Tearing down more homes that are ready to fall down.	Jan 8, 2014 7:11 AM
10	Invest in Blyte officer to enforce appearance of housing in neighborhoods (pick it up)	Jan 7, 2014 5:58 AM
11	Tourism	Jan 7, 2014 5:55 AM
12	Library renovation/improvements	Jan 3, 2014 5:36 AM
13	Snow removal	Jan 2, 2014 2:08 PM
14	Improve entries into Ironwood with Signage/Landscaping.	Jan 2, 2014 1:30 PM
15	Near college	Dec 30, 2013 8:47 AM
16	Lower taxes so people can build or improve their houses.	Dec 30, 2013 7:26 AM
17	Remove ridiculous water deposit on rental units.	Dec 30, 2013 7:15 AM
18	#1 Streets, #2 Water #3 Sewer. Make affordable for average family	Dec 30, 2013 7:02 AM
19	everywhere that needed new roads	Dec 24, 2013 7:53 AM
20	dog park	Dec 24, 2013 5:56 AM
21	ROADS	Dec 23, 2013 10:45 AM
22	safe transportation for children and other indoor play areas for children	Dec 23, 2013 7:28 AM
23	Improvement in educational quality in public schools	Dec 23, 2013 6:15 AM
24	bring in jobs not more pocket parks which are useless	Dec 22, 2013 3:20 PM
25	City limits	Dec 22, 2013 2:00 PM
26	Bessemer puts lights up on the signs in the winter like snowflakes and snowmen , we need more festive stuff like that and flags everywhere around Fourth of July	Dec 21, 2013 1:26 PM

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	. Re-Americanize it if that's a word. Small town charm	
27	roads. water and sewer costs are already outrageous.	Dec 21, 2013 8:09 AM
28	Remove the run down buildings (all over town). Nice cut grass with a bench/table will be an improvement over falling apart brick structures.Maybe start enforcing blight ordinance.	Dec 20, 2013 12:05 PM
29	Black River/Copper Peak/Ottawa N.F.	Dec 20, 2013 9:00 AM
30	Attract bigger business for employment.	Dec 18, 2013 6:01 AM
31	New Businesses	Dec 18, 2013 5:43 AM
32	Lower City taxes	Dec 18, 2013 5:40 AM
33	wouldn't invest it in ironwood	Dec 16, 2013 7:51 PM
34	I wouldn't invest my money here. I currently done.	Dec 15, 2013 12:53 AM
35	schools	Dec 14, 2013 8:43 PM
36	In people not places	Dec 11, 2013 9:12 AM
37	Industrial Park (free)	Dec 11, 2013 9:05 AM
38	Invest in local businesses	Dec 11, 2013 6:45 AM
39	Restore dilapidated houses in Norrie and off US2	Dec 11, 2013 6:39 AM
40	Both town and US2 area	Dec 11, 2013 5:59 AM
41	Miners Memorial Heritage Park	Dec 9, 2013 11:58 AM
42	None of the above	Dec 9, 2013 10:39 AM
		Dec 6, 2013 6:47 PM
43	Don't you poeple think that downtown is about time to open your eyes city poeple and move on to improve our life of living and we don't live in downtown, fix sidewalk and street...	
44	Fund Library Expansion	Dec 5, 2013 9:21 AM
45	Invest in Mtn Bike Trails	Dec 4, 2013 9:06 AM
46	Mineral & Taconite Rd	Dec 4, 2013 8:48 AM
47	More houses	Dec 4, 2013 8:43 AM
48	All roads and streets	Dec 4, 2013 8:22 AM
49	tear down vacant/run down housing and create larger lots by adjoining properties	Dec 3, 2013 10:27 AM

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50	Purchase railroad grades, specifically the Beltline which encircles the city and links the Ashland, Norrie, Aurora and Newport Locations to downtown and US 2.	Dec 3, 2013 10:09 AM
51	asdfsa	Dec 3, 2013 9:45 AM
52	Enforce codes and laws on the books	Dec 3, 2013 9:14 AM
53	Roadway near Norrie Park	Dec 3, 2013 8:22 AM
54	get rid of ALL serious blight	Dec 3, 2013 4:59 AM
55	cleaning up abandoned buildings eyesores	Dec 2, 2013 6:43 PM
56	inexpesive transportaion for seniors	Dec 1, 2013 10:03 AM
57	Miners Memorial Park and Surrounding Trails	Nov 30, 2013 7:45 AM
58	Industrial park. Assiting new business to buid and operate here, property tax relief	Nov 29, 2013 11:00 AM
59	It is too late to invest in Ironwood.	Nov 25, 2013 3:31 PM

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1	I didn't buy a home here (in Ironwood) due to lack of confidence in the school, and I would like to see improvements there. -Many Thanks!	Feb 6, 2014 2:00 PM
2	Ironwoods most immediate needs surround the deplorable unemployment numbers and low wages. As well as general maintenance of its buildings both city and private.	Feb 2, 2014 11:12 AM
3	Taco Bell!!!	Feb 2, 2014 10:41 AM
4	Get a Taco Bell!	Feb 2, 2014 10:31 AM
5	Taco Bell, Buddy. Petting Zoo!	Feb 2, 2014 10:26 AM
6	Taco Bell!	Feb 2, 2014 10:24 AM
7	Maybe a Taco Bell?	Feb 2, 2014 10:21 AM
8	Make the skatepark better	Feb 2, 2014 10:15 AM
9	Taco Bell! We need an Ice Cream Place, petting zoo.	Feb 2, 2014 9:56 AM
10	We should get a JC Penny for more clothing options. WalMart is terrible for clothes and Maurices is overpriced. We also need to promote the library a little more. Encourage more youth center stuff.	Feb 2, 2014 9:36 AM
11	We need a Taco Bell and a mall! Or bigger better stores than WalMart!	Feb 2, 2014 9:28 AM
12	Norrie Park is beautiful and should always stay. One of the best things about the town is our parks. An arcade would be a great thing for our town. I love the history of our town and I like that we have the painting in downtown of the miners.	Feb 2, 2014 9:25 AM
13	We need change	Feb 2, 2014 9:16 AM
14	Open the mines. The town needs more people, better places to eat/live, etc.	Jan 31, 2014 6:34 AM
15	I beleive it to be very important to support the ares and programs such as theatre. I am currently in a group and it is the highlight of my day. Another important thing to me is maintaining the downtown library.	Jan 31, 2014 6:31 AM
16	We need more places for hanging out like a taco bell or kfc.	Jan 31, 2014 6:26 AM
17	We need places to go hangout and have fun that wont kick us out. Also we need jobs up here.	Jan 31, 2014 6:17 AM
18	nope (:	Jan 31, 2014 6:12 AM
19	Get more business to come to town for jobs!!	Jan 30, 2014 10:12 AM
20	Need to have the millage reduced on police/firemans pension is top priority. Also have less summer tax and divide some and add into winter tax. Promote Ironwood's mining history. New large signage on Highways referring to Ironwood	Jan 30, 2014 10:10 AM

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past i.e. Welcome to the former mining boom town of Ironwood. Promote heritage tourism & Miners Mem. Park. Promote Silent Sports for youth. *****
 ***** Need to gain respect of other communities for our HS

21	Off street parking has been over emphasized - design is not suitable for snow plowing. Street and sidewalk repair are more important.	Jan 30, 2014 10:00 AM
22	Don't ignore the voice of the people.	Jan 27, 2014 9:33 PM
23	I think this community caters to the seniors and forgets that there are a ton of children in the area with NOTHING to do. I am disgusted at the fact that the community/city does not offer more things for the children to engage in other than criminal behavior. There are no jobs in the area and nothing is organized. This is why we are choosing to move back to a city that has some organization and cares enough to improve the quality of living for its residents	Jan 22, 2014 7:39 AM
24	Need a walkway along US2. Need to establish activities for youth, an outdoor pool, outdoor skating rink both by the new Depot Park. A YMCA would be nice. Establish more reasonable ski tickets at Mt. Zion, it was once a place for local families and kids to ski in town @ a reasonable cost. Biking paths are a must. Improve road and clear roadside at Norrie Park. It is an embarrassment. It was an important site for many years. Former residents visit Norrie Park and are very saddened by this rundown road and riverside. It is noted that much has been done with the improvements with the walking trails and play ground equipment however.	Jan 21, 2014 9:12 AM
25	We need better paying jobs and new businesses brought into the community. Improving our current infrastructure should be number one when attempting to fix our town.	Jan 16, 2014 2:22 PM
26	Should maintain year round sidewalks on US-2 corridor. Should repair Norrie Park Road leading to the park. It's a disgrace! Should brush Norrie Park Road along the Montreal River. Can't see the river during the summer months. Should make the Depot Park more of a year round facility by adding an outdoor rink or ??	Jan 16, 2014 10:08 AM
27	I would like to see a condo development for middle income to upper middle income individuals. Current housing is only for low income households such as Pioneer Park. Also, housing that is set up as separate units and not as apartments with common walls.	Jan 16, 2014 7:16 AM
28	An economic development position who's income depended upon attracting business to Ironwood.	Jan 15, 2014 10:12 AM
29	FIX THE ROADS	Jan 14, 2014 4:45 PM
30	We NEED more jobs other than 1. Being a nurse 2. Working at Ironwood plastics/McDonalds or 3. working at a gas station. It has to be fairly obvious young people don't stay here. No jobs, no shopping, no nightlife. It's essentially a retirement community which inevitably means failure to thrive. Most of the	Jan 13, 2014 8:14 PM

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houses and streets in the city of Ironwood look terrible. It's run down, old, decrepit. No youth, no children to fill schools which means little funding for schools which means a less than intelligent populace. Parents can't raise kids here due to lack of opportunities. There's little to no investment in infrastructure outside of landmarks and state parks.

31	When choosing roads to repave, start with those roads used the most. Some of these roads may be access points to Lake Superior. Out of towners wonder where our taxes go when they drive some of our roads.	Jan 13, 2014 7:18 PM
32	Fix the streets and infrastructure and bring in new jobs before worrying about Parks and Recreation.	Jan 13, 2014 7:01 PM
33	We should have ideas for our youth, like an arcade or something in that area. We have kids who do drugs because there literally is not anything kids can do because there are not a lot of options so they resort to drugs as a gateway. I think if we could plan an arcade or something to interest the youth into coming to an arcade so to speak I think our youth would go less into drugs and more involved into fun hobbies as in games and arcades etc.	Jan 13, 2014 2:27 PM
34	I think it is important to embrace the beauty of the place we live and provide more activities to occupy children. The more fun there is to do, to keep kids busy, the less trouble they will find. It is no secret that Ironwood has a problem with drugs and corruption. I believe this problem can be solved by providing resources to shape kids and young adults into healthy, happy, less bored individuals. Any opportunity to implement recycling more? We have a few sites that most people don't even know about. In most cities recycling is mandatory. We need to preserve the beauty of not only this town but our planet by becoming more green. The Farmer's Market in downtown Ironwood is a step.	Jan 13, 2014 1:39 PM
35	Wheelchair accessible places and housing. it seems like no one wants to remodel for our use making living a place to live close to impossible	Jan 13, 2014 7:43 AM
36	As someone who moved from outside the area, other than the outdoor environment, I have been disappointed in the people and the willingness of the area to evolve and adapt. Plus there are some very negative attitudes toward people not born and raised here. In reality, we are all from somewhere else. Need to create a more inclusive and positive community. Invest in infrastructure and promote unity. Also, schools need help. I give them five years before they will be forced to merge. People need to set egos aside and work together. Those in poverty here will not carry the city and region in the future.	Jan 12, 2014 9:00 PM
37	Build an appropriate waste treatment facility for the Ironwood area so water bills could be lowered. City employees are overpaid. Benefits too generous.	Jan 12, 2014 11:09 AM
38	I would be happy to talk about the impact silent sports are having on the community and the number of cross country skiers who have purchased homes and are restoring/maintaining them while also paying property taxes and water bills	Jan 9, 2014 8:13 AM
39	Do the improvement and community image will be enhanced.	Jan 9, 2014 7:55 AM

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40	Work on job development and improving city infrastructure and the community image will be enhanced.	Jan 9, 2014 7:40 AM
41	I don't think our fire protection and police force should be in the same category as our bad streets.	Jan 9, 2014 7:32 AM
42	Apply for infrastructure grants to improve local water and sewer.	Jan 9, 2014 7:30 AM
43	Aggressively get new job opts.	Jan 9, 2014 7:28 AM
44	Continue to improve community infrastructure, to demonstrate to local tax base that they are appreciated. City needs to aggressively adopt an attitude to develop new private sector job growth thereby coordinating with local educational institutions and present business preservation to grow area economy. This will enhance community image and then foster future continued growth, thereby allowing City to pay its Employee Entitlement Burdens.	Jan 9, 2014 7:22 AM
45	When fixing and paving streets with bike paths you should keep in mind the on street temporary parking for residents. The bike paths should go one way on one street and the other way on next street over, so residents, visitors or others could park temp. on one side or other. On Hemlock residents with houses close to the street have no room to park and don't even have an alley to use.	Jan 9, 2014 7:14 AM
46	The trail system needs to be looked at to keep ATV's in Michigan - rail access poor. Street care needs to be kept up - and upkeep of your general appearance of City.	Jan 7, 2014 6:00 AM
47	Downtown street lights are way too bright. Very distracting. I flip my sun visor down when driving through town at night so I can focus on the road ahead.	Jan 7, 2014 5:52 AM
48	I hope the area can maintain the positive feeling that I have observed through all of the hard work done by volunteers and the city staff to make our area better, such as: Historic Ironwood Theatre, DAP, Theatre North, Sisu ski fest, snowshoe nights, Depot Park, Norrie Park, etc. I hope we can get kids/youth as involved as possible, especially those who don't have much \$\$ or support.	Jan 7, 2014 5:47 AM
49	JOBS, With jobs comes people, Revenue, tax dollars, Etc...	Jan 6, 2014 11:35 AM
50	Recognize that we are a city in decline in a state that is failing in a country whose government is incapable of operating. Then deal with it by studying other declining areas to see what they are doing.	Jan 6, 2014 7:23 AM
51	Power down the downtown street lights. The town looks like it's parked on a runway - put a cap or reflector to send the light down onto the streets & sidewalks - not up into the sky - very distracting to drive at night.	Jan 3, 2014 5:38 AM
52	Bring an employer into the area that will pay a living wage with benefits.	Jan 3, 2014 5:32 AM
53	Taking very seriously air, water and noise pollution within the city limits, eliminating heavy traffic going through residential areas by redirecting heavy trucks to US2 highway.	Jan 2, 2014 2:16 PM

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54	Appreciate your great efforts to improve Ironwood. If you'd like help, contact me at cjilly100@gmail.com I have a professional background in Art, Design, Landscape Architecture and Planning. Best Wishes! CJ Lilly	Jan 2, 2014 1:56 PM
55	New business and infrastructure should be the top priority, get a good tax base with decent paying jobs to help improve the area. Manufacturing type work along with IT type jobs that will bring up the average wage in the community will help all things become better for the long term.	Jan 1, 2014 11:00 PM
56	People in the community need to show pride in where they live. Cleaning up the weeds, dirt on sidewalks, trash etc. only cost time. The downtown needs to look at new vision for the future. Putting money into old buildings that have long passed their usefulness is a waste of resources (no matter where the \$ come from). I'd like to drive into Ironwood on US2 and think how the community is trying to improve and not think how "tired" it looks. In a few years I'd love to send Christmas greetings to friends and be able to say how exciting it is to see Ironwood improve and change.	Jan 1, 2014 9:55 AM
57	So many vacant houses with no upkeep being done~repossessed by bank?? But, no lawn mowing, who is responsible for the homes that could be rented but are just sitting in all neighborhoods without being used/fixed up?	Jan 1, 2014 5:49 AM
58	Focus should be on improving the quality of community infrastructure, improving the quality of educational opportunities, improving availability of quality, sustainable employment	Dec 31, 2013 12:59 PM
59	I think Ironwood is a mess. it seems no officials reach out to encourage new businesses to move to the area. the streets are HORRIBLE year round. there is hugely inadequate snow removal. the cost water is outrageous.	Dec 31, 2013 11:48 AM
60	More walking/biking trails	Dec 31, 2013 5:00 AM
61	Encourage atv and snowmobile tourism. They're the ones that aren't afraid to spend money. Purchase any riverfront property for community garden or park	Dec 30, 2013 3:47 PM
62	With limited revenue, take care of what we already have vs get involved in new spending. Practice saying "no" Jobs - most important need of all the above. Seek put \$ to help fund recreation needs.	Dec 30, 2013 8:49 AM
63	We need better, knowledgeable leadership in our town. Many decisions are slanted to pet projects such as recreation or made with poor judgment regarding finances and future reviews. This community is changing - we need to bring people together to share their talents and ideas - not everything money and grants. Let's use the talents we have and not just listen to those few who have money or big motives. New ideas from residents is often not listened to. We need to think broader than parks and recreation. I have heard from very talented persons in this town that it doesn't pay to try and build this city - only a few have their say.	Dec 30, 2013 7:30 AM
64	Hate to see area dying. With upgrade in telecommunications websites, iPhones, small businesses and sell market from the area. Health/Fitness, beauty of the	Dec 30, 2013 7:20 AM

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area excellent place. Grants to facelift downtown as a charming community. Promote history, living, culture.

65	We need to maintain sidewalks; however when asked to include trail system, not important! Should have been separate questions.	Dec 30, 2013 7:16 AM
66	Improving roads, water and job opportunities - would save our town. My house was affordable but the street I have to drive on to get to it, is unacceptable. Car repairs are out of this world - ball joints, shocks, wheel bearings, the list goes on and on!! I also have to work 2 jobs due to low wages and both jobs are in WI.	Dec 30, 2013 7:04 AM
67	Kudos to the people behind this survey. I feel it to be a very important step in the comprehensive plan.	Dec 30, 2013 7:00 AM
68	I am very dissatisfied in the Blythe control for this city. If people can take pride in their neighborhood, the rest will follow. CLEAN UP THE BLYTHE.	Dec 27, 2013 8:39 AM
69	Please allow larger businesses to come in. We need GOOD paying jobs, now !!!! It should have been done years ago.	Dec 26, 2013 6:28 AM
70	Our #1 goal should be economic development - more jobs!!	Dec 26, 2013 6:15 AM
71	More clothing stores needed.	Dec 26, 2013 6:13 AM
72	Please work on plowing the sidewalks in the winter time for people like me who walk 4 miles every day just to get to class and back. Other than that keep up the good work :D	Dec 25, 2013 7:37 PM
73	Fix the roads. Fix the roads. Fix the roads. Stop building new parks and parking lots and improve what we already have. Focus on bringing ALL types of recreation to our area. Most people who enjoy silent sports also enjoy motor sports. Offer a variety. What type of activities are available and accessible to the handicap and elderly of ironwood?	Dec 25, 2013 5:25 PM
74	Job growth must be a priority. Continue to improve the city's infrastructure. Promote the area's history. Old buildings don't have to be demolished because they are old. Demolish what must be demolished but preserve our heritage. Continue working to make natural attractions accessible.	Dec 24, 2013 10:10 PM
75	Improving trails and parks should not be a top priority at this time. In order for this community to succeed, more emphasis needs to be placed on improving job opportunities and improving the current infrastructure.	Dec 24, 2013 5:12 PM
76	Dwindling population had put a strain on maintaining existing programs, facilities, and infrastructure. We now live in a world where business can be conducted from just about anywhere, and there should be a major push to develop intellectually based business that will enable the best and brightest students stay here after they have earned a degree. A high intellectual base will also be an attraction for like minds. Our economy needs to encourage careers that require a high level of skill and the salaries and wages that are competitive with other parts of the country. This is a great place to live, too bad too few people know it, and many who do cannot afford to live here.	Dec 24, 2013 9:50 AM

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77	PLEASE FIX THE ROADS. Had to buy a new tire because of the potholes by the 4way by Ironwood High School. Think the city would pay for that due to their lack of fixing the roads? No they did not, so I had to shell out 100 for a new tire. So thank you whoever reads this for that.	Dec 24, 2013 7:58 AM
78	along with bringing new people in, comes their pets and I think a dog park for the area would be an important plus to the area. outdoor activities are for both motorized and non-motorized and they should be of equal importance.	Dec 24, 2013 6:01 AM
79	Stop spending money on parks and pavilions and put it into infrastructure (roads especially).	Dec 23, 2013 5:32 PM
80	I believe more activities, such as the Ghouls Run at Midnight, should be available more times a year. People get really into it and it will help people be happier and healthier in the community.	Dec 23, 2013 11:58 AM
81	Disappointed on how things are handled in Ironwood. Streets are terrible -taxes are high and water bills are outrageous. Gas stations prices are unreasonable - price gouging-If I had my way I would move. No jobs and the ones that are available have poor wages.	Dec 23, 2013 11:02 AM
82	We need somewhere for our youth to play indoors. From babies to high school age. During the winter there's nowhere to go except Burger King!!!	Dec 23, 2013 10:59 AM
83	The majority of houses in the area are in need of either major help or need to be torn down and new houses rebuilt. One of the reasons I do not want to live here long term, in addition to job opportunity, is the fact that the houses are so awful. For example, my house has minimal insulation, so therefore the heating bill is extremely high in the winter and we suffer in the summer from not being able to cool it off. Also, the electric in the house is so old and it's very dangerous however, we cannot afford to fix any of it. I want my kids to grow up in a safe and secure house, not like the one we are currently in.	Dec 23, 2013 10:58 AM
84	I think it vital that the city do whatever possible to entice businesses to come to Ironwood.	Dec 23, 2013 8:03 AM
85	Ironwood needs fresh ideas to attract people to stay or come into our area.	Dec 23, 2013 7:32 AM
86	Knowing what I know now, I doubt that I would have settled in Ironwood. I like the area, and I have a good job here, but the public school system has severe problems. I understand that all schools have problems, but IAS has to start addressing some of these problems. This has nothing to do with buildings.	Dec 23, 2013 6:27 AM
87	I/We spent significant money improving an older home. I wish the neighbors would pick up the trash/junk and maintain their property. The City of Ironwood is easy to work with, the people are friendly. Never had any vandalism; always feel safe. We love to ATV. I/we purchased and have our own machines maintained in Ironwood and Hurley. We ride mostly in Iron County WI. There is very limited access to trails to in the UP from Ironwood. We love the UP and spend a significant amount of time and money there. We would spend more in the UP if access to trails was better. Thank you for the bypass downtown by the	Dec 23, 2013 6:25 AM

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Depot Park. Very nice.

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| 88 | No law enforcement on 2, go as fast as you like. Do whatever you like. Bessemer has a speed limit and has added more than 6 businesses. WE at least have the same 7 service stations doing well. We are a pit stop instead of a destination. If we don't get people to stop on 2, they will never find downtown. | Dec 23, 2013 6:16 AM |
| 89 | As I became a new Mother, I was highly turned off with our neighborhood parks. Not one park has equipment catering to toddlers, safe enclosed play areas. Also, None of our parks in Ironwood offer restrooms. How are young children expected to play on high equipment that is not safe, or in parks where they can not even relieve themselves as needed? | Dec 23, 2013 6:16 AM |
| 90 | I'd put my money in the education of the kids. I know this is a school situation, opportunities for a better education in conjunction with the school. People w/families won't move here unless their children are educated properly. | Dec 23, 2013 6:10 AM |
| 91 | When we leave this area, it will not be because of work or family. It will be because of the community mindset-from officials to residents-who detest change and young people who move into the Gogebic Range. My wife and I have heard too many times, "You're not from here, you don't know," and we have felt like outsiders. | Dec 23, 2013 6:05 AM |
| 92 | make businesses go downtown to draw people away from the highway and improve traffic on us2. consolidate schools to save money but ironwood should fire kolesar and let bessemer take over. | Dec 22, 2013 6:30 PM |
| 93 | Make Ironwood a model city for the UP! | Dec 22, 2013 3:53 PM |
| 94 | we do not repeat do not need another pocket park they do not bring in jobs or money to this area | Dec 22, 2013 3:23 PM |
| 95 | this area is full of a lot of older people afraid of change but jobs need to come into the area the young people end up leaving for jobs, adventure, and something to do, if it keeps up ironwood will become a gost town. this area has a lot to be proud of and the young kids dont even know the half we keep trying to keep up with the joans' and its not nessassary we have historic buildings exampleour library was one of andrew carnagies last builds, men came from milesto try and recreate our memorial building yet we let it go to the way side insted of utilizing it, this town servived a depression and a world war yet today we struggle *****
***** all the funds that have been available for the down town area and nothing to show yet the city works get some nice bonuses rediculas is what it is we pay to have all these public saftey officers yet they have window hours really ya cause it makes senseto call a disbatch in crystal falls instead of being able to walk into a local building full of officers to get help flippin dumb, theres more waist of money in this town then most peoples checking accounts if ironwoods role model has been the US government you are doing a great job. | Dec 22, 2013 3:09 PM |

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96	Your future is in your youth. You have to find ways to keep the youth here. Without it you die as is evident in what is happening now.	Dec 22, 2013 2:20 PM
97	Take the "grandfather" thinking out of the commission and infuse progress in it's place. We need JOBS, we need a fresh look, we need a new outlook.	Dec 21, 2013 7:32 PM
98	I love this town and want to return to its former glory. By promoting our town and enhancing the things that we have in our community's we can hopefully draw people back to this area and give the younger ones a reason to stay here.	Dec 21, 2013 1:30 PM
99	Educational system is very poor. Our students are not given the tools to compete with students from other areas. Businesses will not come here unless there is a good school system for employees and the current system is not giving our children the education that they deserve. Our area is too small and the current number of students too low to continue with several small struggling schools. Consolidation is long over due. A prime focus of the community should be a strong educational base for our children to be able to be successful after graduation. This should be a priority goal and will provide quality employees for existing and future businesses.	Dec 21, 2013 8:06 AM
100	This area can not grow, if we continue to turn down industries; casino's, mines, prisons, etc...our children have to leave our area in order to make a living. We need to be able to offer the world something other than snow.	Dec 20, 2013 8:16 PM
101	The entire area is failing in many ways. Whether you believe the fact or not is of no consequence or real concern. When its too late, no fix will be available to Ironwood and it will be like many other "ghost towns" in areas like ours. We have opportunities to start realistic plans, follow through with them and learn to let go of what can be handled by private parties and by the local businesses. It is NOT too late, but the edge is looming. Get concious and let go of patronage or go bankrupt and let the area devour its self. We, (my family and I) will most likely abandon our home to local government and move within three years anyway and leave Ironwood to its misery. It will be cheaper than attempting to dig out from under the dirt and buildup we have seen here in the last six years or so.	Dec 20, 2013 3:00 PM
102	The roads, ALL of the roads, should be priority in this community. They should be done CORRECTLY the first time in order to prevent damage in the first year they are redone. The "patchwork" process is ineffective and ridiculous.	Dec 20, 2013 1:47 PM
103	We like the Ironwood Area due to the outdoor activities available and the beautiful surroundings. If we could do things over, we would more than likely choose a different school system than the IAS to start our children out in. That would have meant at the time choosing a different town.	Dec 20, 2013 12:38 PM
104	Nothing else to add.	Dec 20, 2013 12:13 PM
105	Do not dump money into fixing old junk. Rip it out and build new. Stop putting bandaids or facelifts on old junk. The infrastucture needs to be renovated.	Dec 20, 2013 12:13 PM
106	give the community a facelift - condemn and bulldoze what needs it, commercial and residential	Dec 20, 2013 12:04 PM

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107	The lifestyle of someone who lives in the UP is unique in itself, we truly have 4 seasons, beautiful scenery, abundant wildlife, miles of trail systems, and yet those who grow up here are taught to "get out ASAP" through our school system. The youth takes what they have right in front of them for granted. Later in life they realize that everything they grew up to love is ultimately what they are searching for when finding a place to call home. We need to focus as a community in showcasing the beauties this area has to offer to our youth and keep them here to grow as one.	Dec 20, 2013 10:13 AM
108	Please look to the future by developing, long term, sustainable, environmentally friendly, diverse, outdoor recreation possibilities that span all seasons. However if we fail to properly advertise and publicize what opportunities we have now and into the future we will be alone in this beautiful place we live in.	Dec 20, 2013 9:12 AM
109	enhance what we have accomplished these last 5 years. Ironwood is a great place to live!!	Dec 19, 2013 1:02 PM
110	building that new pavilion was a joke when there is still giant *** holes on main intersections and streets	Dec 19, 2013 12:58 PM
111	Ironwood has a lot of potential to be a great outdoor recreation community. We need to strengthen our brand and invest in marketing to people who are attracted to that brand.	Dec 19, 2013 12:55 PM
112	The taxpayers cannot continue to pay retirees benefits at the expense of basic services. Retiree costs have increased exponentially while revenue has not. We are already over taxed and will not pay more. Many suffer for the benefit of a few. No one can feel 'entitled' anymore.	Dec 18, 2013 6:18 AM
113	You need to retain the younger work force for employment and the rest will follow. I have been visiting the area for 30 years and I see a town that is slowly dying. Sorry, but it's true. Check the welfare stats in the City. How many people are getting asst. You need jobs to replace that.	Dec 18, 2013 6:04 AM
114	Sidewalks are not well maintained. Non Existent. We should be a walk-friendly community.	Dec 18, 2013 5:59 AM
115	Attracting new businesses and maintaining new business is MOST important.	Dec 18, 2013 5:45 AM
116	The survey includes my opinions on how to improve life in Ironwood.	Dec 18, 2013 5:39 AM
117	Block grants for residential used to be free for owners if home was lived in by owners for 5 years. Now we cannot give to children "free and clear" when we die! Heirs have to sell the home to try to pay off the repairs made prior to death of parent (owner) No fair for them!!	Dec 17, 2013 9:30 AM
118	I feel there should be a 5-year, no taxes for existing businesses and for any new businesses wanting to come into the downtown area to help strengthen and improve their businesses. Downtown streets should be wider for easier parking and maneuvering in the winter.	Dec 17, 2013 9:08 AM
119	Norrie Park should have campgrounds and facilities for RV's, etc. Draw Tourists	Dec 17, 2013 9:05 AM

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	to this area with its trails, wildlife, etc. and make it a main attraction.	
120	We need paved or unpaved biking and walking trails. We need jobs that pay a living wage. We do not need more low incoming housing as our area (Ironwood) is getting to be known for it. Quality jobs attract quality people. Thank you for this survey and giving us a voice. We love our community and want to see it thrive!	Dec 17, 2013 9:02 AM
121	Need stronger reinforcement of blight. Tougher crackdown of drugs/meth labs. Enhanced services for senior citizens.	Dec 17, 2013 8:54 AM
122	This city is sick... high taxes high water rates this city dosnt have anything to make anyone want to stay. Those of us that do stay are either retired or to poor to move.	Dec 16, 2013 7:57 PM
123	***** ***** ***** 2. Do a cost benefit analysis of downtown development. The downtown has been in decline for fifty plus years. 3.Much greater emphasis needs to be placed on Hwy 2 Corridor. This is the first impression people have of the city--generally speaking it is not encouraging. 4. The city commission needs to become cheer leaders (and workers) in developing a sense of pride among residents and the business community.	Dec 16, 2013 4:10 PM
124	Not really, but I do like getting the newsletter in the mail and the friendliness of the city hall people dealing with outsiders (seasonal) guests to your city.	Dec 16, 2013 11:05 AM
125	Please work on lowering the tax rates to be somewhat comparable to the adjoining townships...I know it takes more tax dollars to maintain the infrastructure but there is also more than double the population. New home sites could be encouraged overlooking Ironwood in the Aurora, Norrie, and Ashland locations near the caves and above. No property taxes for the first five years to new home builders in these areas. Just look above the Aurora Club and East of there.	Dec 16, 2013 7:40 AM
126	We need more jobs opportunities available!!	Dec 15, 2013 10:26 AM
127	Our educational system has been in decline for the last 15 years. The kids graduating are not remotely college prepared. Witness recent past scoring related to national averages. Sad.	Dec 15, 2013 9:43 AM
128	Please keep in mind recreation such as atv, snowmobile and outdoor activities. We have a truly beautiful area here. This is why we moved to this area 12 years ago. We have many friends and family that come here to ride and visit the beauty. It is nice to be connected to the Wisconsin trail systems yet the michigan trails seem to be lacking. Would love to see more outdoor gatherings such atv rally's ect. Good luck and keep up the hard work.	Dec 15, 2013 8:33 AM
129	Best of Luck to All of You!	Dec 15, 2013 5:48 AM

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130	Though I don't live in Ironwood I have visited 5 or 6 times and find it a charming community with lots of potential. Being so close to Lake Superior affords the perfect opportunity to attract visitors as a destination and/or a destination. You could follow the example of several of the little towns like Minocqua in Northern Wisconsin. Ironwood has a rich history in the Iron ore industry which could also be promoted as a point of interest.	Dec 14, 2013 8:51 PM
131	Would be helpful, if possible, to promote natural beauty and affordability of housing/property to make it interesting to young, educated people, who could perhaps make it grow like Bayfield or Marquette. The SISU is a good step in this direction. A local winery or microbrewery would be very good; in general would be helpful to promote agriculture in this area.	Dec 14, 2013 1:07 PM
132	encourage the non-producers to move on, it is a well known fact - come to Ironwood get a free house and money. butternut, wis has a scholarship for the students, we have a college we should be doing something to encourage education. STOP having the property owners pay for everything, what about a vehicle tax? share the responsibility with everyone. just remember with freedom comes great responsibility. do not waste money. be conservative, do not rely on the federal gov't. keep things simple. I appreciate this survey.	Dec 13, 2013 10:59 AM
133	The access to the arts & quality entertainment through the theaters & DAP are very important to keeping and attracting new people to our city. The silent sport recreation opportunities are a big reason that I intend to stay in Ironwood.	Dec 13, 2013 8:14 AM
134	Good luck!	Dec 13, 2013 8:01 AM
135	The City has made great progress on roads and downtown enhancements. I'm looking forward to the new non-motorized trail. Thank you for supporting the library and Civic Center. Miners Memorial Heritage Park is great. Instead of a neglected wasteland in the middle of the City, we now have signed trails, access to the pretty ponds, interpretive signs, and a cross country ski trail! What an asset to the community! The City and Community should do more to keep sidewalks clear of snow, especially along routes to school. It's not that hard with a snowblower. Please try to get sidewalks on both sides of US 2 as much as you can. When businesses build along US 2 they should provide a sidewalk. Replacing old sidewalks and building missing sidewalks is good. Ironwood is kind of dangerous for pedestrians, especially in the winter. We are unique in the Gogebic Range in that our community still has many places you can walk to. All the other communities have few shopping and dining choices within walking distance. Funding demolition of old blighted buildings is good. A long-term goal should be to make Business US 2 (Suffolk-Frederick-Douglas) less crooked and more scenic. We can't expect the downtown to prosper when getting there is so awkward. When we moved here, we didn't consider buying a house north of US 2 because there are no playgrounds there. The vacant lot between Florence and Midland would be a great location. Please do not tolerate joyriding on ATVs, motorcycles, and snowmobiles on City streets. Riders of loud off-road vehicles should receive a ticket. Things like that make people move to the Townships for peace and quiet. There seems to be a brain drain to Wisconsin. When affluent people move to the area for work they often choose to live in Wisconsin because the school is better. Being prepared for a future consolidated school would be	Dec 13, 2013 7:15 AM

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good. Helping Sleight and Wright School get a little more property would help. They need more room for playing, sports, and picking up and dropping off students. The City should quietly tolerate the medical marijuana industry. It's already been good for the downtown, and appears to be attracting people to the area. There is too much smoking and litter in our playgrounds. When the opportunity arises, it would be good to demolish a few old houses on Curry Street. They are packed together too close. Burying utility lines is good. We get used to them, but trees look a lot better along streets than utility poles and wires.

136	ANY grants/programs that tap into state or federal monies, AND without too much red tape/oversight, provide significant funds for improvement of our businesses, streets, recreational facilities/trails etc /should take priority over those things which do not bring in monetary help.	Dec 13, 2013 6:15 AM
137	Have the community developer spend more time and city funds on economic development and less time on silent sport trails. Local groups should be only working on these projects.	Dec 13, 2013 4:46 AM
138	We all know the building blocks of a prospering community is living wage jobs. Thats what built this area, and without them, no matter what you do, this area will be resigned to a slow lingering death.	Dec 12, 2013 2:39 PM
139	Don't understand how the PAUD costs can be so high and I'm sure it's a tired subject but since we're relatively new to the area cannot believe it costs as much as it does for sewer service. It's more than all of our other utility bills combined for sewer service. I've never heard of a community funding a project to this extent particularly a small community and for so long. I'm sure it's been reviewed and solutions tried but outrageous.	Dec 12, 2013 2:28 PM
140	Just focus on silent recreation opportunities. We have rare opportunities that are being wasted on dying activities.	Dec 12, 2013 2:27 PM
141	jobs	Dec 12, 2013 1:52 PM
142	The attitude of the city fathers must change. If you talk to any business people who tried to establish in Ironwood they all say that all they get is resistance from the city. WHY? Menard's, Culver's, Mexican Eating, on and on.	Dec 12, 2013 1:20 PM
143	I feel the city does little or nothing to help with the businesses that are here. The cost of utilities continues to rise making it hard to compete with neighboring cities.	Dec 12, 2013 1:07 PM
144	Would be great if taxes were split more evenly between winter and summer.	Dec 12, 2013 8:54 AM
145	WE need to get new blood in this town who will let new shopping and restaurants in. To provide job with decent wages. ***** ***** ***** ***** *****	Dec 12, 2013 7:03 AM

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146	clean theNOW	Dec 12, 2013 6:54 AM
147	too expensive to live here for what we have.	Dec 12, 2013 6:46 AM
148	Have taxes once a year being that the winter taxes are so small. Things you have done so far look great. PLOW alleys and streets before conditions are too bad or dangerous!!! Some Jessievile alleys have to be plowed by residents, not everyone has that ability. Some responses to 911 calls are pretty slow.	Dec 12, 2013 6:44 AM
149	I would encourage the communities in the Ironwood area to attempt to partner on many of the initiatives mentioned in this survey.	Dec 12, 2013 6:40 AM
150	We need to do something with the downtown area. Make it INVITING and ATTRACTIVE w a lot of speciality shops. US2 Cloverland Drive, it is what it is, Leave it as is. But the roads have to be taken care of. The patches don't hold up. They are patched and two days later they fall apart. We need road improvements.	Dec 12, 2013 6:09 AM
151	TOP - fix our city streets!	Dec 12, 2013 6:06 AM
152	Jobs. If you have business=jobs=increased revenue. Then all the others naturally follow	Dec 12, 2013 6:03 AM
153	In order to make properties look better, is is more important to get rid of the garbage than to build new structures. There are many structures that need to be torn down and many lots where the garbage needs to be removed in Ironwood. This should be done first and this alone will greatly improve the beauty of Ironwood.	Dec 11, 2013 9:26 AM
154	I have lived in Ironwood for forty years and have raised three children here. I strongly encouraged them to leave the area. There is no work here, no shopping and is pretty much a ghost town unless you are old and retired. Ironwood schools are a joke, having three kids go through the school system that and lack of jobs are why people are moving away and will continue to do so.	Dec 11, 2013 9:23 AM
155	It would be great to see all the empty downtown buildings filled with something useful to benefit our community. Perhaps an arcade or a place for kids to go rather than roaming the streets. Some kind of club or some more shops like "Uncommon Goods" Something to "cheer up" the City of Ironwood.	Dec 11, 2013 9:16 AM
156	If you haven't developed what you have, how do you know if you need it or not? Quit looking elsewhere for support. Work locally, help each other. Don't fictionalize history nor laud past evils. Most of your suggests areas of investment are money drains. Terms are so savage I hesitate to lend myself to sounding like I support them.	Dec 11, 2013 9:13 AM
157	Begin a "Back to Nature's Beauty" campaign. Get rid of all the human garbage (non-rehabable buildings, garbage in empty lots, garbage in businesses, garbage in people's yards) and plant flowers, trees, shrubs in these places!	Dec 11, 2013 9:09 AM

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158	**Too Costly (Technology); * Tax Base (Housing Stock), *** Give mining water "free", fob sewage plant (improving city sewer); *** reduce (Iron) and (Hardness) of Fresh water.	Dec 11, 2013 9:07 AM
159	Why don't you make jobs for our people and the rest will come. Mary Smith	Dec 11, 2013 8:59 AM
160	Even though Ironwood has affordable housing, the cost of living is still expensive everywhere and good paying jobs are hard to come by. That's why we moved back to the Chicago Land area. Raising the min wage should be top priority for our nation	Dec 11, 2013 8:51 AM
161	Improving our streets. Be open to new business - improvements	Dec 11, 2013 7:05 AM
162	I would advertise Hiawatha on a big billboard on US2 and then have good arrows/directions for tourists to find it. Tourists don't know about him oftentime.	Dec 11, 2013 7:03 AM
163	Streets are not salted or sanded, causes many accidents. The snow plowing in winter is very bad. Can't get out of the car on passenger side because of snow banks that aren't removed for business stores on main street.	Dec 11, 2013 6:47 AM
164	We need jobs, especially ones not tied in any way to Walmart. There need to be incentives and opportunities for locally owned businesses to thrive, and to enable them to compete succesfully against the Walton monopoly.	Dec 11, 2013 6:40 AM
165	Water and sewer rates are very high along with the property taxes. I pay 3 times more in taxes when I would in Wisconsin for a same valued house.	Dec 11, 2013 6:18 AM
166	I think it would be wise to have free trash dumps in order to help clean up the over-all look of the town. Another idea is to promote anyone who wants to take the risk of opening a small business.	Dec 11, 2013 6:16 AM
167	I would like to see some kind of townhouse development in Ironwood.	Dec 11, 2013 6:04 AM
168	If we don't have a more solid infrastructure in the City, what use it to 'beautify' the area...it's like decorating a delapidated house...eventually it will all fall aprt...I believe the education system in Ironwood is doing well. It's the drug activity that causes most of the problems. You need JOBS for the young people to stay in the area.	Dec 11, 2013 6:01 AM
169	Let residents install their own sidewalks with City Permit	Dec 11, 2013 5:42 AM
170	Redeveloping existing neighborhoods through the demolition and cleanup of blighted properties along with infrastructure improvements makes the city a more desirable place to live. High taxes and millages are chasing people into the townships. The city has nice affordable housing in abundance but the taxes are too high.	Dec 11, 2013 2:35 AM
171	We don't need any more parks!!!	Dec 10, 2013 1:03 PM
172	Yes, the City looks frumpy, and the highway is the worst. Why would people traveling through town even want to stop to see what we have to offer? Also, there is never any holiday decorations except for some businesses. Plus, if you	Dec 10, 2013 5:50 AM

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Google map our highway, you'll see construction barrels; not very inviting, and on Curry Street they filmed it right after garbage was picked up, so there are cans everywhere.

173 Recreation is the proven key to economic development. Our efforts to increase manufacturing jobs have not been a good return on investment, but manufacturing will follow recreation development. Dec 9, 2013 5:43 PM

174 Ironwood will never prosper. The community is to close nit if you did not grow up in Ironwood and are not from the area the people do not really want you there. You are considered an outsider and they let you know it. *****

***** I thought my children (high school age) were getting a decent education in Ironwood but,after leaving the area and enrolling my children in a different school district I can see they were getting a sub standard education. The courses that are offered were I live now on a high school level were not even offered at GCC. *****

175 snow plowing, snow plowing, snow plowing, snow plowing,get the idea. Dec 7, 2013 7:08 PM

176 Attracting young people to this area is vital. While there is plenty of outdoor recreation, there needs to be a growth in higher skilled jobs that will attract educated young adults, in addition to some young adult activities which will enhance the quality of life for said age group. If the area is to grow, we must be able to attract and retain young adults who can build careers and raise families here. Dec 6, 2013 1:21 PM

177 Need to improve our educational system, lacking behind in the technology field. Ironwood needs to take a look at Hurley's system!! Need jobs that are going to pay a descent wage not poverty or minimum wages, too many of these in this area. Need great paying jobs to retain our graduating students. Dec 6, 2013 12:56 PM

178 great improvements with downtown area and new trail head project. Dec 5, 2013 1:37 PM

179 I feel that we need to look at what we currently have and work on making improvements to buildings and parks already in our system. Fix these first and make them pristine. Invest in the US2 corridor and downtown to make the welcoming and clean. Plant flowers that look nice and encourage homeowners and business owners to take pride in their properties, but it starts with the city and whether or not they take pride in theirs. If the city spaces look awful why should the average home/business owner take pride in their property when everything around them is dirty, overgrown, or crumbling? Dec 5, 2013 9:33 AM

180 Looking forward to the MSHDA Facade Grant funds to improve my property. Dec 5, 2013 9:30 AM

181 We should include our neighboring municipalities in planning, as an FYI or for input. Dec 5, 2013 7:54 AM

182 Ironwood is a great place to live, but we need regional concepts brought more to the public, both for education, economic development, parks & recreation and sharing public works. Dec 4, 2013 9:02 AM

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183	Sidewalks in most neighborhoods are very bad, which forces people to walk on the streets making it unsafe.	Dec 4, 2013 8:54 AM
184	Create private sector jobs. Lay off people in the memorial building. Do not increase taxes. Parks do not create private sector jobs. Industry does. Stop wasting tax dollars on parks and get the City out of the real estate business.	Dec 4, 2013 8:45 AM
185	Roads, parks, shopping variety are very important to me. I checked low on sewers because I believe they are in pretty good shape at this time.	Dec 4, 2013 8:42 AM
186	If you have any influence to reduce the welfare renters from taking residence in Ironwood. They destroy the homes and their exteriors are a mess. They give Ironwood a very bad rap If you live next to one they make your home look awful. Their yards are a mess filled with debris. What can we do to remedy this situation?!	Dec 4, 2013 8:39 AM
187	Blight enforcement. Falling down buildings in residential areas, garbage in yards, old wheels in yards; reported but nothing done. Neighbors should NOT have to report neighbors. The blight is clearly visible. Some streets - pot holes not filled. Looks like the dried river bed.	Dec 4, 2013 8:27 AM
188	Expand the downtown Depot Park to include the old railroad yard east of Douglas Blvd. to include waking trails, flower beds, community garden and lush landscaping.	Dec 3, 2013 12:50 PM
189	We need more volunteers and people willing to serve in public office to make educated decisions. People need to represent the entire community not factions of it.	Dec 3, 2013 12:42 PM
190	Because something is wanted does not mean one should be confused that we think added taxes are need to pay it. To much city waste taking place to justify added tax burden at this time. Fix the waste so as to spend the money more wisely. Also planning for one item only to partly undo that item to do another item later brings to question the word "planning" in this process.	Dec 3, 2013 11:38 AM
191	I closely watch/read the plans developed in Duluth, Mn., Marquette,Mi. and even Ashland, Wi. Marquette named top 10 winter cities in Outside Mag. Ashland top 20 affordable housing [4 bd.] in Forbes? Duluth need I say more? Ironwood could promote itself as a healthy lifestyle community and deemphasize alcohol related tourism i.e. motorsports. I understand motorsports/alcohol is not going away, but 40 years has proven the economic return is limited. A very small pop. loves it but 60% senior pop. does not.	Dec 3, 2013 10:41 AM
192	Formula for success- Improve Community Infrastructure, Aggressively develop new Private Sector jobs and opportunities and this will then Improve Community Image.	Dec 3, 2013 10:22 AM
193	People have to be encouraged to support additional taxes to improve streets and infrastructure to be a livable community where people will stay and choose to live.	Dec 3, 2013 9:49 AM

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194	Media/Advertising the Gogebic Range Nation-wide.	Dec 3, 2013 9:32 AM
195	Spend wisely and with common sense	Dec 3, 2013 9:31 AM
196	Just don't fix things good enough. Make things like they were or better. Put some kind of plows on the sanding truck. Current way packs the mat and salt creates holes in the mat.	Dec 3, 2013 9:15 AM
197	adkfjaklsdf	Dec 3, 2013 9:13 AM
198	Improve snow removal allowing customers to walk safely.	Dec 3, 2013 9:08 AM
199	Shopping in Ironwood is frustrating. Limited choices, often low quality. We do most of our shopping on line or out of town. Business attire, both male and female, is non-existent. Restaurants are excellent.	Dec 3, 2013 9:01 AM
200	I purchase about 90% of my clothing on line or out of town. Job opportunities for high school/college grads are almost non-existent. Good choices for grocery shopping and restaurants. Mediocre merchandise in most stores and staff is unwilling or unable to special order what I want.	Dec 3, 2013 8:56 AM
201	JOBS<JOBS<JOBS WE NEED!	Dec 3, 2013 8:41 AM
202	I think that through the efforts of many good people we are moving in the right direction. However, when I ride my bicycle to Norrie Park and my hands tingle due to the TERRIBLE road conditions and the constant shaking and rough road, I am very discouraged. The road to Norrie Park must be fixed and we need some paved bike/walking trails.	Dec 3, 2013 8:38 AM
203	Work to keep young people here with growth and development opportunities in jobs, housing, entertainment.	Dec 3, 2013 8:26 AM
204	You have improved Norrie Park but have done nothing with the roads to get there. The road needs to be raised up to avoid flooding, widened for bike access and repaved. It is the worst eye sore in our community.	Dec 3, 2013 8:24 AM
205	The road system is at best, terrible. Bulinski Blvd and West Oak St are all but impassable to regular vehicles. Visitors from out of town cannot believe a town like Ironwood has such roads.	Dec 3, 2013 8:20 AM
206	***** ***** ***** In Jesseville & Norrie more streets should have been curbed. Many man hours and materials will now go into repairing washouts ***** Take the \$ going to the O'Donnell Center and put toward streets and sidewalks. College should not be on the tax roll, but treated as a private enterprise. Our constitution guaranteed education K-12 and didn't say anything about colleges!	Dec 3, 2013 8:06 AM
207	I would like to see a report in paper on water quality in our man made water (Lake Bidenski) and other open water, have you ever had it tested for safety to us. Remember we had a dump in the cave areas years ago. What about the	Dec 3, 2013 7:50 AM

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water contamination. Test the safety of the water and let us know.

208 Our roads are horrible! Plows need to be out in the morning! Try going somewhere at 5am and you can't get anywhere because the plows have not been out. Dec 3, 2013 7:49 AM

209 Efforts on trails are one mans agended summer rec progams for young and teenagers. Keep the cemeteries better than they are NOW. Listen to citizens of Ironwood. Look at what other cities are doing for upkeep. Dec 3, 2013 7:45 AM

210 Technology improvements or related businesses (recruitment). Jobs for keeping our kids in the area after college. Dec 3, 2013 7:41 AM

211 there are so many needs and so few resources that we need to focus on the most high impact issues, building on our unique assets, that will change the climate of the community, by bringing people (visiors and seasonal/year-round residents) and businesses into the community. This will then provide additional resources to address the other community needs. By doing an average job of addressing all of these issues, we will continue to lag behind other communities and continue to decline. By understanding that we have assets that people are actually looking for (snow and trails) and that we are uniquely positioned to offer, and by creating a vision and aligning resouces around this vision, is the only way for our area to move forward. Dec 3, 2013 7:27 AM

212 I moved back into the area 6 yrs ago to be close to my parents. I think a lot of my friends who live away would do the same if there was more for them to do with their parents. I think we should have a place solely for families to walk, do crafts, exercise, & have parties. Dec 3, 2013 7:23 AM

213 We need to get back to basics! Our streets should be first on the list, no matter 'mow much we 'beautify' our city, tourists (or residents) should be able to drive on our streets without falling in a pothole; we need to be able to drive to the beauty in our city safely. Dec 3, 2013 5:10 AM

214 Jobs. Work with current businesses to encourage DECENT pay for employees. Too many businesses are greedy and do not pay employees a fair wage. Hierarchy is a real problem here. Valuing employees is a real problem here. Public awareness about these subjects especially awareness to the larger employers who choose to pay such low wages while those on top overly thrive Dec 3, 2013 5:08 AM

215 the second page of the survey didn't work Dec 3, 2013 2:39 AM

216 My opinion is that we've put enough money into so called "historic" places in our area. Re-doing the depot was a waste of money. Nobody cares about it and it is only used once a year during Festival Ironwood. I feel like the city is only promoting things to attract an elderly population here. We want young people to come in, young businesses to come in. Fix the streets, get rid of rundown buildings. You can't make the downtown attractive in one corner and then go over to the other corner and look at Aurora street! Those old buildings (Jones motel for example) make Ironwood look like Harlem. But hey...look at that depot building we can all use once a year!! Seriously!! My thought is to pick a Dec 2, 2013 9:19 PM

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concern and stick to it and finish it.... Stop with the historic rhetoric. We've got the theatre, the miners wall (right in downtown Harlem), the Indian and the mining trails. Lets not beat a dead horse anymore. Lets attract a younger crowd!

217 Improve snow removal efforts downtown and along the highway corridor. Recent years have proven that keeping our winter streets,highway and sidewalks safe for motorists and pedestrians seems to be low priority for Ironwod. Dec 2, 2013 7:46 PM

218 Ironwood has a wealth of wonderful things---from the Memorial Bldg to the natural beauty. It also has an aging population and aging housing stock and lack of jobs.....without economic opportunities to entice younger families back to the area, the wealth of Ironwood will deteriorate. It is simple economics...tax base and job creation. I love Ironwood and was fortunate to live in high quality housing stock as did my parents. I also know the reality of the lack of jobs and that is why I am living outside of the area. While locals complain about the potholes---the bigger issue is the economy and the lack of tax base. When those are addressed the other issues are fixable. I wish Ironwood and its planning process the best---and hope the economy changes so that the future is bright. Dec 2, 2013 7:18 PM

219 No matter what people say in this survey this plan should focus around 1 thing and that is job creation, we need higher paying jobs to increase the tax base which will allow us to do all the rest Dec 2, 2013 6:47 PM

220 I love this town! Dec 2, 2013 6:43 PM

221 need to work with other communities on both sides of river and promote entire area as one destination or location. Dec 2, 2013 11:45 AM

222 the legacy costs for Ironwood will bankrupt the city, property taxes per sq.ft on commercial buildings are some times double to triple other UP cities. ****

 ***** . To the existing population of ironwood our schools, housing, roads, snowplowing, blight, restaurants, downtown, are fine, to the tourist, what happened? The issue is we don't fix the above mentioned for the locals, we fix them for the entrepreneur who is visiting that may invest here. The entrepreneur has to move his workforce here, schools with bandades , 1930 housing, not plowing roads on weekends, motels/lodging that FFE packages haven't been touched in 20 years doesn't cut it. To attract someone to live here requires at a minimum the above. We attract people because of our natural resource base and need to capitalize off of that. Dec 2, 2013 7:34 AM

223 focus on sustainability for any new projects Dec 1, 2013 7:28 PM

224 Our people are what makes the town. We love our town. We hate the overabundance of mosquitoes. Animal lovers can try our patience at times. Dec 1, 2013 1:05 PM

225 Fine home and business owners that don't shovel sidewalks. I am tired of walking in the street. Other towns hire homeless people to shovel and then charge homeowners that don't comply within 30 hours of snowfall. Dec 1, 2013 10:11 AM

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226	<p>1. There needs to be a concerted effort to oversee and quality check the existing projects in our town. The contractors are getting away with shoddy work, and the city is allowing it. This wastes the few resources we have and ends up not improving the very things which needed improvement - and the contractors still get paid. 2. Maintaining what we already have is critical. It's not being done. What is the point of adding more if we are not taking care of what we already have? The why's of this are unimportant - don't add more infrastructure if you are not taking care of what you have. 3. Our web presence is poor. While it is not directly related to infrastructure or the physical look of our town - it is definitely related to how we are perceived by people who are interested in our community. 4. There is a paralysis in the city. It's not TCB (Taking Care of Business) but rather endless meetings, endless discussions, and a lack of action at the City level. I don't know what the solution is - but as issues are brought up - they need to be taken care of instead of discussed to death. When presented with a problem it is the job of the City Council and the City Manager to solve it. FAST. That is not happening. Dangerous conditions like GIANT potholes, unsafe crosswalks (US 2), abandoned open buildings, snow mounds in downtown, winter narrowed streets with loss of visibility, blighted dangerous buildings, iced over intersections, etc, etc get brought up in front of the city commission or city employees and little or nothing gets done about it (and if it does - it's not in a timely manner but weeks and months later) 5. We can all pat ourselves on the back for the improvements happening in our city - the Depot Park is very nice (The Depot needs a new roof) Downtown looks nice with the walls where the empty buildings used to be. The Downtown Art Place is a gem. Stuff is happening. It would be nice to build on that.</p>	Nov 30, 2013 8:06 AM
227	<p>Work on the drug problems around here! We know the city has gone down a lot in population. Don't be afraid to get rid of houses that are in blight!</p>	Nov 30, 2013 7:43 AM
228	<p>Economic growth - PLEASE! We need new businesses! Everything else will fall into place once we get economic growth!</p>	Nov 29, 2013 11:46 AM
229	<p>***** ***** Stop spending money on parks, walking trails, parking lots and stuff that does not add income producing opportunities for the area</p>	Nov 29, 2013 11:04 AM
230	<p>There is great promise for Ironwood. The location is excellent for the tourist industry but also a good environment for the citizens. Both are important to make Ironwood the vibrant city it is meant to be. Improve the infrastructures, repair & highlight the historic buildings and I believe businesses, tourism and a healthy community will follow. Not easy but doable. Thank you.</p>	Nov 26, 2013 9:21 AM
231	<p>It's too late to fix anything here. The very fact that we haven't updated our Comprehensive Plan since 1982 tells the whole story. People here are perfectly content with failure. Our city is so mismanaged that improvement is unlikely -- if not impossible.</p>	Nov 25, 2013 3:38 PM
232	<p>Just like the blueprint plan for the downtown this one won't be followed either.</p>	Nov 25, 2013 3:16 PM
233	<p>As someone who is not originally from the area, it is easy to see that Ironwood is</p>	Nov 25, 2013 7:58 AM

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suffering from an identity crisis. It is not what it used to be and people are not letting go of the past to move forward. It should be imperative to never forget the past and what built the area (e.g. mining, logging, etc.), but a theme must be developed for moving forward. One idea would be to push the "Gogebic Range" & Lake Superior. The hills are by far the most valuable asset in the area (ski hills/trails, snowshoeing, atving, snowmobiling, minerals, natural beauty, etc.). They are the first thing people think of when asked about Ironwood, MI. Also, most people do not correlate Lake Superior with the area at all and it's only 20 minutes away!!! The hills and the lake are special to ironwood. Most places on earth would consider themselves lucky to have one or the other, let alone BOTH and most locals do not realize the absolute treasure they are. I am not saying they take them for granted, but the identity could be accepted and portrayed more aggressively. We need to quit bragging about trivial things such as being home to the "biggest indian in the world". As far as I'm concerned, it is a nice piece of art, but it is really just an oversized lawn ornament with little historical tie to the city other than the story about how it was delivered. We ARE home to the largest fresh water lake in the world fed by cool streams and rivers cutting through the most beautiful forested hills of iron known to man with 4 very distinct seasons of beauty. EMBRACE IT! A common positive theme bragging about these assets would bring the community together would give a positive impression to the rest of the world.

234 You will meet folks that like Ironwood just the way it is (Usually much older folks). We need to move Ironwood forward. Nov 22, 2013 7:35 AM

Ironwood Comprehensive Plan Update 5/19/2014 Community Open House Summary

Date of Meeting: May 19, 2014, 4:30 to 6:30pm

Location: Memorial Building Auditorium

Number of Attendees: 27 who signed the sign in sheet. A few participants were observed who did not sign in.

Overview: Copies of the draft plan materials were made available to browse and comment on. A series of presentation boards were displayed around the room providing summary materials of each chapter of the plan document. Post it notes and comment cards were provided to participants to comment on the draft plan.

Staff (Brad Scheib and Michael Brown) were available for question and answers as were various members of the Planning Commission and City Commission during the course of the meeting.

Two comments were recorded on the boards using post it notes. Those included:

- Additional school planning
- Senior Care Centers “life cycle”

No comments were submitted on comment cards.

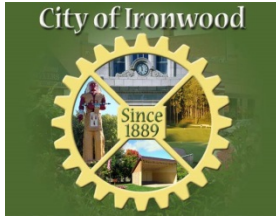
Discussion Points: The following points of discussion were observed during the open house by various attendees:

1. The strategies will need to be prioritized. How this is done will be difficult. How can community members influence or affect the prioritization of strategies?
2. The strategy matrix identifies “Potential Partners” as a column. This could be filled out more – add Ironwood Tourism Council/Convention and Visitors Bureau as a partner where appropriate.
3. Residents expressed interest in park improvements at various parks. (Specific request to improve Little League Field.)
4. Support for wayfinding was expressed, particularly street signs, as a possible priority.
5. Trail user forum is an important idea and one that users are trying to coordinate already.
6. Strategy 6.7 (encourage events and festivals) is a good strategy that is sort of being done but could be enhanced by better organization and commitment. Discussed ideas of collaborating with the Gogebic Community College to leverage other people resources for expertise. Who should lead this effort?
7. Economic development is important. Idea of picking 10 niche markets (for example: lumber/wood products, outdoor recreation, arts and culture, medical, etc.) to focus on – provide diversity but also provide focus.
8. Coordination and collaboration among overlapping or abutting jurisdiction is a critical need. Dealing with annexation will always be a challenge.

9. Housing in downtown is an interesting concept as are other uses that might better utilize some of the great spaces in downtown.
10. Appreciation was expressed for references to survey responses and trying to respond to all community concerns.
11. A suggestion was made to provide a list of key definitions and acronyms somewhere in the plan (or in call out boxes throughout the plan) to define terms that are not customary.

Going Forward: The plan is made available on-line with ability to provide comments through July 2nd which is the date of the Planning Commission Public Hearing. Comments are encouraged to be submitted the week before the Planning Commission public hearing.

The City Commission is expected to consider the plan at its meeting on July 14th.



Ironwood Comprehensive Plan

Public Engagement Plan

Introduction

The intent of this Public Engagement Program is to outline a process, strategies, and tools to involve the public in the Ironwood Comprehensive Planning Process. Engagement strategies for the Ironwood Comprehensive Plan will employ both traditional and contemporary measures. Public participation methods will vary by phase of the project. This program document has been drafted at the beginning of the planning process and will be reviewed and updated throughout the course of the project.

Goals

The overall goals of the Public Engagement Program are to:

- Seek the involvement of all Ironwood citizens and businesspeople.
- Help us in crafting a vision and plan that is based on the ideas, wants, needs and aspirations of the Ironwood community.
- Provide accurate and objective information to assist in informing people about: the process and key milestones, the identification of and understanding of issues, and the presentation of alternative planning concepts and ideas.
- Provide opportunities for the public to contribute ideas and feedback throughout the planning process and to meaningfully consider all input received.
- Establish information portals (paper and electronic) that are interesting and engaging.
- Establish community ownership in the plan.
- Involve stakeholders who will likely have responsibility for helping implement the measures contained within the plan once it is officially adopted and put into action.

Communications Strategies and Tools

The following is a list of strategies and tools the Comprehensive Planning Process will employ to achieve broad and continuous public participation. A part of the first Planning Commission Meeting will be to discuss and reach consensus on the preferred public engagement plan.

A. *Word of Mouth*

Sharing personal invites, posters, flyers, or other creative media are a good source or mechanism to build awareness and to solicit input. City Boards, Commissions and Committees were tasked with spreading the work about the plan by word of mouth and posting information about it on social media sites they belonged to. Informational book marks were prepared announcing key public engagement opportunities and providing project contact information. These bookmarks were handout out in public areas and at key events such as the Jack Frost Parade on December 6, 2013. Book marks were handed out by local Boy Scouts as a public service project.

B. Project Website

Information about the Comprehensive Planning process will be hosted on Hoisington Koegler Group Inc.'s website with a direct link prominently displayed on the city's website home page. HKGi will establish the website and provide periodic updates, including updated news, a project schedule, meeting agendas and minutes, meeting presentations, contact information, links to surveys, and other information.

The website address is www.ironwoodcompplan.com. The page went live November 21, 2013.

C. Ironwood Daily Globe Newspaper Articles and Notices

The local newspaper, the Ironwood Daily Globe, is published daily. Notices for all public meetings and work sessions are published in the 7-Day Calendar. The Daily Globe will be a great source for getting information out about the Comprehensive Plan and the planning process itself. The deadline for submittal of information is 10:00 the prior day for simple notices and advertising. We might also use the paper for features or more substantive articles based on key topics. We will engage a reporter in the process to make sure the project is well covered. The following dates are when articles or notices have appeared to date (see attached articles):

1. July 13, 2013
2. July 23, 2013
3. September 10, 2013
4. November 5, 2011
5. November 7, 2013
6. November 25, 2013
7. December 12, 2013
8. January 15, 2014
9. January 21, 2014 - article
10. January 21, 2014 – ad
11. January 24, 2014
12. April 15, 2014
13. May 13, 2014

D. Email Distribution Lists

The vast majority of the public uses email or texting as a principle mode of communication. We will establish a database where interested parties can register to join an email group list so that we can send out email communications for upcoming public engagement events or to inform folks when the web site is updated. The City of Ironwood maintains an email distribution list of local business that we will utilize for outreach and we will coordinate with the Chamber and School District to utilize existing distribution lists for noticing public announcements and reminders for public meetings. To date, email blasts have been sent on the following dates:

1. December 3, 2013
2. December 12, 2013
3. January 17, 2014
4. May 1, 2014
5. May 12, 2014

E. Radio Station

WUPM – the morning coffee clutch is a live taping at a coffee shop in Hurley Wisconsin covering key community topics. This is an opportunity to reach a captive audience and to present information about the planning process and upcoming events.

1. December 12th – introduction of the comprehensive plan project and announcement of January 21st public meeting and January 23rd pin up session.
2. January 9, 2013 – reminder of the public events on the 21st and 23rd
3. January 23, 2014 – Interview with WUPM Radio Coffee Clutch
4. May 8, 2014 – interview with WUPM Radio Coffee Clutch

F. TV and News Stories

Local and regional TV stations are additional outreach and notification venues. UP Fox 6 News did a story on January 23, 2014 at the workshop open house. The feature aired later that week.

G. Newsletter or Other Announcements

We will coordinate with the Chamber and School district as well as other organizations that produce periodic newsletter or announcement flyers and where possible provide media releases to insert into existing publications. The City periodically releases a newsletter as well. A newsletter was mailed out with Summer 2013 taxes announcing the project and in winter of 2014 with an update on the project.

H. Surveys

A community survey was developed and launched in November of 2013. This survey enabled the city to get a “pulse” on the community. The survey was sent out with the winter tax bills at the end of November 2013 to all City of Ironwood property owners. The survey was also made available on the project website and in hard copy at the Memorial Building. The survey closed on January 31, 2014. Over 500 surveys were received. A summary of the survey responses is included in Appendix B of the comprehensive plan. Additional survey work will be utilized for review of plan drafts.

I. Photo Contest

A photo contest was launched in December of 2013. Pictures can tell in one shot what might take a thousand words to articulate. Collecting photos from community members that reflect values and inspirations is a good way to enhance the graphic appeal of the plan and reflect a hometown touch. The photo contest is promoted through on-line and hard copy materials and is open through the course of the project.

J. Community Events

A number of community events and festivals are held in Ironwood throughout the year. They are sponsored by a variety of entities. These events *may* offer limited opportunities to display information hand out materials, and actively solicit input on the Comprehensive Plan through an event that already has an engaged audience. The following events may afford opportunities to expand the public’s knowledge of the planning process and directions being considered:

1. Jack Frost Festival – Friday December 6, 2013 Parade! Handout Bookmark – Content to include project name and brief description, link to project website, reference to online survey, and announcement of January public meeting events.
2. SISU Ski Race – Friday and Saturday January 10-11, 2014 – an informational poster board was set up regarding the project.
3. Festival Ironwood – July
4. Ironwood Theater – shows and events on weekends

5. An informational poster board was set up during the month of May 2014 advertising the Public Open House.

K. Listening Sessions

The Work Plan identifies listening sessions as part of Task 2 Vision and Concept Exploration. HKGi Staff Members will meet with a broad spectrum of the Ironwood Community. Participants in these listening sessions will be asked their opinions of the community. Beyond explaining the “what” and “why” of the project, our role is to listen and comprehend the messages community members and stakeholders are expressing. Key Groups that we will meet with include the following:

1. Civic and Community Groups

Various civic and community groups are potential vehicles to disseminate information and receive feedback on the Comprehensive Plan. Many groups have regularly scheduled programs and are in need of speakers. Most importantly, these groups often meet on a regular basis and present an opportunity to engage a captive audience (not creating another meeting obligation.) Some of the community groups that could be resources in Ironwood to enhance participation in the planning process include the following with noted times to date where they were engaged:

- Rotary
 - July 3, 2013 discussed the comprehensive plan project.
 - September 4, 2013 discussed comprehensive plan project.
- Kiwanis
 - July 23, 2013 discussed the comprehensive plan project.
 - January 22, 2014 discussed the comprehensive plan project.
- Boy or Cub Scouts
 - Assisted with distributing information on the comprehensive plan at Jack Frost Parade
- ROTC
- Lions Club
- Knights of Columbus
- Legion
- Masons
- Professional Women’s Club
- PTOs

2. Focus Groups

Organizing focus groups oriented around key topics is another strategy for engaging the community. The strategy here brings people with common interests together to engage in a conversation about the plan. The following groups have been identified as potential focus groups:

- Business and Economic Development Group which included Active Backwoods Retreat (ABR), Big Powderhorn Mountain Resort, Blackjack Ski Resort, Cooper Peak Ski Resort, Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA), Ironwood Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), Indianhead Mountain Resort, Ironwood Industrial Development Corporation (IIDC), Ironwood Tourism Council, The Whitecap Mountains, the Western U.P. Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Wolverine Ski Club.
- Education (teachers/administrators) – Gogebic Community College – Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District – All Saints Academy – Home School Network - PTOs

- Youth – through schools, athletic clubs, scouting, etc...
- Parks and Recreation Group which included the Farmer's and Artesian Market, Fat Tire Bicycle Group, Gogebic Range Trail Authority, Ice Crystals, Ironwood Civic Center, Ironwood Dance Company, Little League, Next Generation, North Country Trail, Parks and Recreation Committee, Polar Bear Hockey, Safe Routes to School, SISU, Superior Snowshoe, Superior Rides, Team Gogebic Nordic Skiing and the Western U.P. Trail Authority.
- Arts and Culture Group which included the Downtown Art Place, Carnegie Library, Festival Ironwood, Friends of the Carnegie Library, Historic Ironwood Theater, Ironwood Historical Society, Klassic Kruisers, Range Master Gardeners and Theater North.
- Tourism – Chamber – ski resorts – Western UP Convention and Visitor Bureau – Ironwood Tourism Council -
- Business Leaders, Innovators, Philanthropists/Foundations
- Bankers, Realtors and Developers Group which included Gogebic Range Bank, First Merit Bank, Kolehmainen Real Estate, Little Bear Construction, Re/Max Action North Realty, Real Estate Store, Red Construction, River Valley Bank, Silver Properties, Snow Country Contracting, Wells Fargo Bank, Woodtech Builders.

The following groups were represented at the various listening sessions conducted on January 21st through the 24th.

- Youth hockey
- Ironwood Industrial Development Corp
- Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
- City of Ironwood
- Ironwood Industrial Development Corporation
- Economic Development Corporation
- Real Estate Store
- Kiwanis
- Ottawa Forest Products
- Wells Fargo Bank
- Little Bear Construction, Inc.
- Gogebic Range Trail Authority
- Superior Rides
- Snowshoe
- Go-In Forward
- Ice Crystals
- Carnegie Library
- Ironwood Tourism Council
- Downtown Arts Place
- Carnegie Library
- Parks and Recreation Committee
- Planning Commission

3. **Agencies**

Local and Regional Agencies are a key resource in the planning process. These agencies provide technical resources, financial resources and are also responsible in some cases for providing services or infrastructure in the community. They will be engaged throughout the process. They include:

- Aspirus Grandview
 - Bessemer Township
 - Carey Township
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Charter Township of Ironwood
 - City of Hurley
 - City of Bessemer
 - City of Wakefield
 - County Forester
 - County Sherriff
 - Daily Globe Newspaper
 - Erwin Township
 - Gogebic Iron Wastewater Treatment Facility
 - Gogebic County
 - Gogebic County Airport
 - Gogebic County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
 - Gogebic County Extension
 - Gogebic County Road Commission
 - Gogebic County Soil Conservation Office
 - Gogebic County Solid Waste (Garbage)
 - Gogebic County Transit
 - Gogebic County Community Action Agency
 - Gogebic Range Water Authority
 - Iron County
 - Iron County Clerk
 - Iron County Extension
 - Ironwood Area School District
 - Kimball Township
 - MDEQ
 - MDNR
 - MDOT
 - Michigan Economic Development Corporation
 - Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center
 - Michigan State Housing Development Authority
 - Michigan Works
 - Ojibway Correctional Facility
 - Oma Township
 - Ottawa National Forest
 - Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region
 - Western Upper Peninsula Michigan Works
 - WIDOT
 - Xcel Energy
- Note: First meeting was held with Agencies on November 7th at the Ironwood Memorial Building. Representation at this meeting included the following organizations: Gogebic Iron Wastewater

Treatment Facility, Gogebic County Airport, Iron County Extension, Gogebic County Solid Waste (Garbage), Iron County, Gogebic Community College, Ironwood Area School District, City of Wakefield, and Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency.

L. Broader community engagement, community workshops, and open houses

Through the process, a community engagement event will be facilitated in each of task 2, 3, and 4 in the work plan. The event in task 2 is more of an open ended questions and response type event. Our goal there is to have participants **inform** us. Task 3 is where we present plan directions. Our goal is to have participants **understand, critique, and shape** what we have generated. Task 4 we present a final plan. Our goal for participants in this task is to **agree** to move forward and **celebrate success**. We will use a combination of outreach mechanisms including on line survey questionnaires' and face to face public engagement including:

1. **Task 2 Community Survey:** a two page survey questionnaire was distributed with November tax bills and prominently featured on the project web site. The Survey was held open through January of 2014. The survey responses are summarized in powerpoint presentations and included within Appendix B of the Fact Book. Survey responses that were inappropriate or not-relevant to the comprehensive plan as determined by the consultant team were removed from the survey responses.
2. **Task 2 Hands on Workshop(s):** (January 21st -23rd) a workshop was held during this time period. The results of this workshop are documented in Appendix B of the Comprehensive Plan document. The schedule for the event was as follows:
 - Day1 (Tuesday)
 - 8:00 – 12:00 Listening Sessions
 - format: small group – 1 hour and 15 minute meetings
 - meeting approach: brief presentation, 3-4 key questions, flip chart
 - 8:00 (meeting 1) – Business Leaders/Innovators/Tourism Industry
 - 8:00 (meeting 2) – Parks and Recreation Groups
 - 9:30 (meeting 3) – Arts and Culture Groups
 - 9:30 (meeting 4) – Realtors/Bankers/Developers/Brokers/Investors
 - 1:00 – 3:00 Community Tour – Led by staff, with key planning team members
 - 6:30 - 8:30 Community Workshop
 - Format: large group and small group
 - Meeting approach: brief presentation and overview – large group ice breaker exercise – small group game board (mapping interaction) exercise – large group reporting on small group discussions.
 - Day2 (Wednesday)
 - 8-10 Debrief and Draft (outline of) Vision/Guiding Principles
 - 10-12:00 Identify project themes, ideas, opportunities
 - 12:00 – 1:00 – Lunch (Kiwans discussion)
 - 1:00 – 5:00 Team Works
 - 5:00 – Pin Up Session Review - Critique by Staff, City Commission, and Planning Commission
 - Day3 (Thursday)
 - 8:00 – 12:00 Team Works
 - 8:00 – interview with Radio show WUPM

- 8:00 - 10:00 Workshop with High School Students
 - 1:00 – 6:00 Continue working and public invited to stop in and review work in progress
 - 1:30 - 3:00 Workshop with High School Students
 - 6:30 – 8:00 Planning Commission Pinup and debrief
3. **Task 3 Hands on Workshop(s)** – Our approach to task 3 was two phased. The first phase involved a series of checks or plan reviews with those most involved in civic/municipal planning, principally key advisory boards, commissions, staff, and agencies. The purpose of phase one was to present a draft of the plan document, to check for consistency, to identify areas of conflict or concern, and to prepare for presentation of the plan direction to a broader public audience. Phase two was intended to present the plan to a larger public audience and to allow for the audience to ask questions and help understand the plan, to critique and comment on the plan draft, and to help shape the final plan’s key message.
- The following were plan review sessions that were part of Phase One:
 - April 2nd – Planning Commission
 - April 7th – Parks and Recreation Committee
 - April 24th – Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
 - April 28th – City Commission
 - May 7th – Economic Development Corporation
 - May 7th – Planning Commission (recap of plan review)
 - May 13th – Ironwood Industrial Development Corporation
 - May 13th – Ironwood Area Chamber of Commerce
 - The following tasks for phase two were conducted:
 - Posted a draft of the plan on-line with an on-line review mechanism to enable comments to be offered via email or web site on May 12, 2014
 - Made hard copy draft materials available at the Memorial Building with a comment form
 - Hosted a community open house to allow for casual browsing of the plan concepts and components and one on one discussion and dialogue on May 19, 2014 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
4. **Task 4 stakeholder meeting presentations and public hearing and approvals** – Task 4 included meeting with various groups to garner endorsements and support of the plan. It also included a public hearing on July 2, 2014 at the Planning Commission and endorsement and support by the City Commission on July 14, 2014.
- The following identify the groups that made a formal motion/submitted a letter of support for the plan:
 - June 2, 2014 – Ironwood Parks and Recreation Committee
 - June 3, 2014 – Kiwanis Club
 - June 3, 2014 – Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action
 - June 4, 2014 – Ironwood Economic Development Corporation
 - June 10, 2014 – Ironwood Industrial Development Corporation
 - June 10, 2014 – Downtown Art Place
 - June 10, 2014 – Ironwood Area Chamber of Commerce
 - June 26, 2014 – Downtown Ironwood Development Authority

M. Public Meetings and Work Sessions

The following is a comprehensive list of dates and corresponding events related to the comprehensive plan update:

Community Workshops, Work Sessions and Open Houses

1. *November 6, 2011 Planning Commission work session.*
2. *January 8, 2014 Planning Commission work session.*
3. *January 21, 2014 work session with the Parks and Recreation Committee.*
4. *January 21, 2014 joint work session with the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority and the Economic Development Corporation.*
5. *January 21, 2014 joint work session with the City Commission, Downtown Ironwood Development Authority, Economic Development Corporation, Parks and Recreation Committee and the Planning Commission.*
6. *January 21, 2014 Community Workshop; interactive board game.*
7. *January 22, 2014 joint work session with the City Commission and the Planning Commission.*
8. *January 23, 2014 Workshop with three (3) government classes at the Ironwood High School.*
9. *January 23, 2014 Community Open House.*
10. *January 23, 2014 work session with the Planning Commission.*
11. *March 5, 2014 work session with the Planning Commission to review the Fact Book and Public Engagement Summary.*
12. *April 2, 2014 work session with the Planning Commission to review the Comprehensive Plan Draft.*
13. *May 7, 2014 work session with the Planning Commission to review Comprehensive Plan Draft revisions.*
14. *May 19, 2014 Community Open House to review the Comprehensive Plan Draft.*
15. *June 4, 2014 work session with the Planning Commission to review public comments on Comprehensive Plan Draft.*

Public Meetings

1. *Discussion started in the spring of 2013 during budget meetings with the Planning Commission and City Commission.*
2. *July 1, 2013 discussed incorporating the Park & Rec plan into the Comprehensive Plan with the Parks and Recreation Committee.*
3. *July 8, 2013, update the City Commission on Request for Proposal/Request for Qualification RFP/RFQ.*
4. *July 9, 2013 the Planning Commission recommended approval of the (RFP/RFQ).*
5. *July 22, 2013 the City Commission approved the RFP/RFQ.*
6. *July 25, 2013 updated the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority on the Comprehensive Plan project.*
7. *August 5, 2013 updated the Parks and Recreation Committee on the Comprehensive Plan project.*
8. *August 7, 2013 updated the Planning Commission on the Comprehensive Plan project.*
9. *September 4, 2013 the Planning Commission made a recommendation to the City Commission on the selection of a planning consultant.*
10. *September 4, 2013 updated the Economic Development Corporation on the Comprehensive Plan project and selection of a planning consultant.*
11. *September 5, 2013 updated the Parks and Recreation Committee on the Comprehensive Plan project and the selection of a planning consultant.*
12. *September 9, 2013 City Commission approved contract with Hoisington Koegler Group Inc (HKgi).*
13. *September 26, 2013 updated Downtown Ironwood Development Authority on Comprehensive Plan project and selection of the planning consultant.*
14. *October 7, 2013 updated the Parks and Recreation Committee on the Comprehensive Plan project.*
15. *December 2, 2013 updated the Parks and Recreation Committee on the Comprehensive Plan project.*

16. *January 8, 2014 updated the Economic Development Corporation on the Comprehensive Plan project.*
17. *January 13, 2014 updated the City Commission on the Comprehensive Plan Project.*
18. *February 3, 2014 updated the Parks and Recreation Committee on the Comprehensive Plan Project.*
19. *February 5, 2014 updated the Economic Development Corporation on the Comprehensive Plan Project.*
20. *February 5, 2014 updated the Planning Commission on the Comprehensive Plan Project.*
21. *March 3, 2014 updated Parks and Recreation Committee on the Comprehensive Plan project.*
22. *April 7, 2014 reviewed Comprehensive Plan Draft with Parks and Recreation Committee.*
23. *April 24, 2014 reviewed Comprehensive Plan Draft with Downtown Ironwood Development Authority.*
24. *April 28, 2014 reviewed the Comprehensive Plan Draft with the City Commission.*
25. *May 5, 2014 updated the Parks and Recreation Committee on the Comprehensive Plan project.*
26. *May 7, 2014 reviewed Comprehensive Plan Draft with the Economic Development Corporation.*
27. *May 12, 2014 updated the City Commission on the Comprehensive Plan Project.*
28. *May 13, 2014 updated the Ironwood Industrial Development Corporation on the Comprehensive Plan Project.*
29. *June 2, 2014 reviewed the Parks and Recreation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan Draft with the Parks and Recreation Committee and obtained motion of support for the Comprehensive Plan.*
30. *June 4, 2014 obtained motion of support for the Comprehensive Plan from the Economic Development Corporation.*
31. *June 26, 2014 obtained motion of support for the Comprehensive Plan from the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority.*
32. *July 2, 2014 Public Hearing and adoption of the Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Commission.*
33. *July 7, 2014 Park and Recreation Committee recommended adoption of Park and Recreation Plan.*
34. *July 14, 2014 obtained motion of support of the Comprehensive Plan and Public Hearing and adoption of the Parks and Recreation Plan by the City Commission.*



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Ironwood aims to start work on new 20-year plan

By KATIE PERTTUNEN
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IRONWOOD — The city of Ironwood Planning Commission approved a request for proposals from planning consultants to initiate a new 20-year plan for the city, and will next get the request approved by the city commission, said community development director Michael Brown.

Ironwood's last 20-year plan was written in 1982, with updates in 2000, said Brown. The landscape and economy have changed since then, Brown said.

The goal in a 20-year plan is to get the public's input as much as possible. For example, a community visioning session with local residents may be a component of developing the plan, said Brown. Other tools often used by planning consultants include online surveys, mailed surveys, or the development of a specific website for the public

to provide input and get updates on the project.

Brown said that by late September or early October, a consultant should be in place to begin the process.

Another endeavor Brown, along with the city's economic development corporation, with the assistance of Bob Jacquart, CEO of Jacquart Fabric Products, is a mentoring program for local business owners and entrepreneurs. "It's an opportunity to learn from others' mistakes," said Brown.

The program will match experts with newer business owners in a wider area, not just the city of Ironwood, said Brown. "The EDC wants to include everybody, in a more holistic approach," said Brown. "Whether it's Wakefield, Bessemer, Hurley or Ironwood, it affects all of us in the area."

For more information, contact Brown at 906-932-5050, ext. 126.

FALLS ON



Motorcycle club to take memorial ride

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Ironwood

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the city's Depot Park phase II project, which came in \$1.17 under budget, at \$263,550.

"Everybody did everything they could to keep the cost under budget," Erickson said, noting many volunteers contributed to improving Depot Park, which was the site of Festival Ironwood.

The successful four-day festi-

val was praised by commissioners. Semo's motion to send a letter of thanks to festival organizers was unanimously approved.

"Depot Park looked great," Corcoran said.

"It was an all-volunteer effort that exceeded expectations and was a nice test for the new facilities," Erickson said.

The commission also:

—Agreed to seek bids from consultant services to develop a new comprehensive plan.

—Heard the first reading of the proposed blight ordinance

that would limit garage sales to four per year for four days per sale.

—Agreed to establish a price for a small piece of property on Clemens Street, adjacent to 505 Southwest St., that Jerome Suzik is seeking to purchase. Suzik would be responsible for paying for the title search, a survey and appraisal necessary for a sale, commissioners agreed.

—Approved Corcoran's appointment of historian Larry Peterson to the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority.

Bessemer

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are going to pay for the roof repairs," said board member Dave Osier.

The roof was installed in 1993, and was not done right in the

first place, said Berg. The estimate for repair could run near \$100,000, which could be borrowed from a local bank. If the board gets a bond approved next spring, funds from that will not be able to be used to pay off repairs incurred prior, said Berg.

The district is operating with fewer dollars today than five years ago, but is not in a deficit,

said Gaiss. Operating under a deficit is an ugly situation to be in, and Gaiss said that Bessemer will have a balanced budget.

Allen Archie asked if the board could get an alumni committee to raise donations, and Bergquist said there is an active alumni committee that has donated to district efforts in the past.

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"I'm very disappointed with this city council," Braspernick said. "I had an agenda back in June about the washer and dryer, and it was approved. The police showed up at my parents camper today to say that it needed to be removed. I don't understand why a sheriff's deputy had to come in the first place. Why couldn't a city worker come over and say that?"

Braspernick also questioned why when she was the one who initiated the agenda, she wasn't notified that it was going to be on the agenda again. "I'm just very disgusted," she said.

She said others are not following the camp rules pertaining to refrigerators and freezers, or quiet hours.

"What good are the rules for if none of them are being followed except for the washer and dryer? And that looks like it is specifically targeting my mom and dad. That is just really crummy of you guys to do that."

Mayor Richard Bolen said

somebody ought to be enforcing the rules at the park.

In other business, the winning bid of \$37,220 for the spillway installation contract was approved to go to Ruotsala Construction. The building permit is expected the first week of August.

Nominating petitions are available from the city clerk's office for those residents wishing to run for the council in the Nov. 5 election. The forms are due back by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13.

The next council meeting will be held Aug. 12.

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awarded money for management of those acres. If the state accepted the money and then decided not to follow the directives, it would owe the federal government millions of dollars.

"Those things did not happen because of the IR Bill,"

safety of bikes. He added that while bikes pay no fees for roads, ATV's must have permits and stickers. "But when we want trails and services for motorized vehicles, it's like pulling teeth," he said. He claimed it is the "ideology of the group that does not like vehicles that burn fuel."

He claimed some actions smack of hypocrisy. For example, he noted, in an area of lower Michigan, horse riders cross a

Ontonagon Manager Joe Erickson and village president William Johnson pointed to the state policy on speed limits. The issue of speed limits on M-38 and U.S. 45 in the village is a problem brought to the state by the council. The village wanted the speed limited lowered in those areas but the state, after doing a study, rejected it. When the council continued to object, it was informed that if another



IAN SHACKLEFORD, of the Safe the Ironwood Area School Board day at Luther L. Wright School in Ironwood, is seen here with other parents and students during a student-parent survey.

Routes

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Murphy Law Office

Kolesar spoke to the board about possibly putting in a bid for a new building. Murphy Law offices on Aurora Street in Ironwood, as a possible location for the alternative school.

According to Kolesar, there are many benefits to purchasing that location, including saving on rent, having the students do their janitorial work themselves and have lunch supplied from the school district instead of the Gogebic Ontonagon Community Action Agency, like it is currently.

Board member Leroy Johnson recommended Kolesar work with the building and grounds committee.

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Commissioners approve \$53,000 to raze eyesore

By RALPH ANSAMI
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IRONWOOD — A \$53,000 bid for a private company to clean up condemned property at 213 Bonnie St. was approved by the city commission Monday.

The bid was the lowest of four received to raze the condemned structure and clean up the parcel owned by John Harteloo and there could be added expenses, as well, city manager Scott Erickson warned.

The contractor approved to perform the clean-up is Jake's Excavating. As the work proceeds, there could be additional environmental costs ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 or more, Erickson said, depending on the samples that come out of the building's

floor and walls.

City building inspector Dennis Hewitt said the company is confident it can do the work for the \$53,000, although that bid was \$20,000 lower than the other three bids.

"We're in a tough spot," commissioner Rick Semo said, suggesting the commission delay action on tearing down the garbage-filled building, but the other commissioners said it's too late to stop now.

"We owe it to the neighborhood to remove the blight," Mayor Kim Corcoran said.

Although he said it was "terrible" that the city had to spend that much money to correct a problem created by a private citizen, commissioner Joe Cayer Jr. said, "We've put it off for too

long and we've got to get it done."

Erickson said the building is filled "floor to ceiling" with debris.

Harteloo attended the meeting, but commissioners didn't want to hear any more pleas from him about further delaying the process. Harteloo thanked Semo for suggesting the delay and criticized other commissioners for not following the suggestion.

City officials will now explore how to fund the \$53,000 and any environmental clean-up costs that may be added.

There's only \$20,000 in the demolition budget and the city has saved some money from not having a full-time enforcement officer. Also, Erickson said there's money in the fund balance that could be used to cover the costs.

In the end, the commission voted 5-0 to approve the bid from Jake's Excavating.

Earlier in the meeting, commissioners discussed applying for a \$750,000 downtown infrastructure grant through the Michigan Economic Development Commission that would require a \$150,000 city match. Semo said he'd prefer to spend money there, rather than on the building demolition costs.

Commissioners also agreed to schedule an Oct. 14, 5:15 p.m. public hearing on discussing blighted parcels at 124 N. Lake St., 204 E. Oak St., 301 E. Oak St. and 319 Albany St.

Ironwood previously applied for a \$640,000 grant through the same program and would have likely received it,

except for the fact that the city only offered a 15 percent match. Community development director Michael Brown said all of the communities that received grants offered higher match percentages.

Commissioners agreed to schedule a workshop before their next meeting on Sept. 23 to discuss applying for the grant that would be used to fund a variety of downtown improvements.

The workshop will be at 4:30 p.m., before the regular 5:30 p.m. commission meeting.

In other business Monday, on a 3-2 vote the commission approved spending \$70,000 to enter into an agreement

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 A property at 1216 Anderson
 Ave. is up for sale in the Sept.
 23 county auction. Neil Londo, a

neighbor and prospective buyer
 of the property, asked that if he
 obtains the property that the
 delinquent utilities and taxes
 be forgiven.
 Siira said 2013 summer taxes

and future taxes cannot be
 waived. Wakefield will lose
 their lien on the property of
 \$1,450 for back taxes at auction,
 as the city will be billed by
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professional drivers bring their
 teams and families with them,
 which will be an economic benefit
 to the village.

Board members agreed any-
 thing that can draw people to the
 area is a benefit and granted per-
 mission to use the property.

Village manager Joe Erickson
 said SEMCO Gas is making gas
 line replacements in the village.
 He said the village crew has been
 marking water and sewer lines
 for MISS DIG requests. Erickson
 said he will be keeping his eye on
 how well the company repairs
 the cuts, holes and patches in the
 rights-of-way.

The council turned thumbs
 down on a request by Wireless
 Capital Partners to buy the cell
 tower lease from the village. The
 council noted the village has a
 good lease now that brings in
 money.

Erickson said he has sent a
 message to the state building
 inspector about the condition of
 the former St. Vincent DePaul
 building with a look at condem-
 ning the building. He said he has
 not received an answer, but will
 follow up and ask the local
 inspector to check the building
 and write a letter to the state.

In other action, the council:
 —Will meet Sept. 26 at 2 p.m

to discuss with its engineers
 OHM developing the scope of an
 application for a storm water and
 wastewater grant.

—Congratulated the village
 staff and Labor day Committee
 for the successful Labor Festival.
 "It was the best parade I have
 ever seen here," president Bill
 Johnson commented.

—Heard the 2013 street pro-
 ject is substantially complete and
 next year the council will look at
 other streets to be resurfaced.

—Appointed Arne Bolo to the
 recreation committee.

—Announced that a ribbon
 cutting on the safe streets project
 will be Monday, Sept. 16, at 1
 p.m.

ed for Saturday, Sept. 14,
 d O Lakes. The 2 p.m.
 walk, run or bicycle race
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of Minneapolis, to upgrade the
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Voting to spend the \$70,000
 were Corcoran, Monie Shackle-
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faces a child prostitution with an Ironwood made an initial Friday morning. Before Judge Patrick Anzie. Preliminary examination his right to the old girl to stay

complaint.

Three Milwaukee women have been charged with child sex trafficking in the case initiated by the Iron County Sheriff's Department. Criminal complaints filed against the three women claim Braun paid \$1,300 to have the girl delivered to his residence, where she stayed the night of Sept. 26 and through the morning of Sept. 27.

It's alleged that Braun contacted the girl after obtaining her telephone number on a Back Page Internet escort-for-hire advertisement.

Three women went to a bar and rented a room at a Mercer motel, according to the complaint. Deputies got involved when the girl ran from the motel, claiming she had been assaulted by the women.

Braun told deputies he thought the girl was 19, as was indicated in the ad. He said he didn't have sex with the girl, although she offered it, but kissed her and gave her wine.

A \$2,000 signature bond was set Monday for Braun.

The next development in the case will be a pre-trial hearing.

sand should see that as a flaming red flag," Casperson said.

As a result of the harassment, the teen deactivated her Facebook account.

Casperson referred to a written statement from the Michigan

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BESSEMER



es easement for Xcel Energy

ent for Xcel Energy near Bessemer Plywood and city of Bessemer land on Industrial Access ad, which will tie into Xcel's station.

The council will conduct an organizational meeting on Nov. 13 at 5 p.m. to restructure after

Gogebic Range Water Authority Board to replace Frello, whose term expires Dec. 1.

Bessemer's Planning Commission will hold a public hearing Nov. 13 at 3:30 in the city council chambers to consider a special

Ironwood comprehensive plan revision begins Wednesday

IRONWOOD — The first step in the process of revising the city of Ironwood's comprehensive plan begins with a 4:30 p.m. Wednesday workshop.

The workshop will precede a 5:30 p.m. city planning commission meeting.

Both sessions will be in the second floor conference room of the Memorial Building.

Earlier this year, on a 3-2 vote, the city commission approved spending \$70,000 to enter into an agreement with Hoisington Kogler Group, of Minneapolis, to upgrade the comprehensive plan.

That amount had been included in the city's budget for work on the plan and four companies submitted proposals to assist in updating it.

Mayor Kim Corcoran and city commissioners

Monie Shackelford and Rick Semo voted for the expenditure, while Joseph Cayer Jr., and Brandon Tauer were opposed.

On the agenda for the planning commission meeting are:

—A public hearing on a proposal from Eric Fitting to add storage buildings in the industrial park on the parcel that now houses Hobby Wheel storage units.

—Property purchase requests on Clemens Street and East Ash Street parcels.

—Consideration of Xcel Energy's pole location request on U.S. 2.

—The medial marijuana ordinance.

—Discussion on an amendment to garage regulations.

—Ralph Ansami

WISCONSIN

Appleton police crack down on prostitutes, customers

APPLETON, Wis. (AP) — Police in northeastern Wisconsin are cracking down on prostitutes and their customers by being more aggressive about referring patrons for criminal charges.

Police in Appleton, Grand Chute and elsewhere typically had issued citations to the women and their customers, but they say that didn't do much to stem the practice. Now, they seek criminal charges, hoping

Crescent reported.

Outagamie County prosecutor Andrew Maier said the goal is to take a harder stance on the male customers and provide more counseling and job-training options for prostitutes. He seeks probation for those who are convicted, a sentence that comes with certain obligations.

The male customers are sent to a daylong "john school" where they learn about human trafficking and the social impact

find new ways to support themselves.

Appleton Police Lt. Steve Elliott said a big challenge is helping the women turn their lives around. Their pimps often control them with domestic abuse and many are addicted to drugs or isolated from their families, leaving them completely dependent and unable to leave.

Authorities said one reason they were cracking down was

Ironwood comprehensive plan revision kicks off

By RALPH ANSAMI

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IRONWOOD — The revision of Ironwood's comprehensive plan kicked off Wednesday afternoon with a workshop before the planning commission meeting.

Brad Scheib, of the Hoisington Koegler Group Inc., of Minneapolis, the consultant planner for the project, outlined steps for updating the comprehensive plan.

Scheib said public involvement will be a key part of the process and said Ironwood residents will receive surveys designed to assist in developing the plan in their November tax bills.

City residents will be asked basic background questions and also what they like about Ironwood, what they don't like and if they would recommend the city to someone planning on a move.

Scheib noted the city has an

existing comprehensive plan, but parts of it are outdated and need to be changed.

He said the objectives in the plan should look five, 10, 15 or 20 years down the road.

Part of the plan will include developing a portfolio of photos from throughout Ironwood.

It will include a zoning map, but it won't trump the city's existing zoning ordinances.

Scheib and Anna Springer, also of HKGI, were scheduled to meet this morning with area stakeholders about the process.

Scheib said input from the planning commission, parks and recreation committee, economic development corporation and other city-related groups will be important before the plan is ultimately presented for final approval to the city commission.

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Ralph Ansami/Daily Globe

BRAD SCHEIB and Anna Springer, of the Hoisington Koegler Group Inc., Minneapolis, are assisting the city of Ironwood in updating its comprehensive plan.

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He told planning commissioners, "This is your chance to be proactive."

The public will become involved with the plan through the city's website, in the Daily Globe through media releases and comments will be sought at

the Jack Frost Festival and SISU cross country ski race.

"We love when people comment online," Scheib said.

Listening sessions will be conducted in January and the next work meeting with the planning commission, open to the public, is scheduled for Dec. 4 at 4:30 p.m.

Scheib is working directly with community development director Michael Brown and city employee Kim Coon.

The city commission hired HKDI for \$70,000 to assist in updating the plan.

The entire process is expected to take about a year.

People who have questions about the plan or who would like to share information may contact Scheib at brad@hkgi.com.

Airport

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gives the township an additional six months to finish the project, but weather still may be an issue.

"Six months from now, we may still have snow," Baron said. "We'll have to look at that when the time comes."

Despite the playground equipment not being in place, the park has a finished pavilion, walking and biking paths, upgraded soccer fields and other amenities.

"I think everything came together great," Baron said. "Everything that has been done has been done in a timely matter, despite the weather."

To prepare for the playground, dirt has been moved to raise the elevation and shape an area for the equipment.

"I think that once the equipment gets in there, people are really going to be surprised," Baron said. "With people bringing their kids for soccer, having the farmers market and other things in the pavilion, it will be going good. It's going to be a really great place for kids."

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only one business currently making regular payments.

Northern Initiatives, the Community Development Financial Institution managing northern Michigan's regional RLF, could take over collections for the city, Brown said, for a fee. Currently over \$500,000 is owed to Ironwood's RLF.

Brown said the monies used to make the loans came from the federal government, so they could come back to the city for

repayment.

Brown told the board the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce is in

favor of working with the business mentoring program, and he will be meeting with Tim Erickson, chamber director, and Bob Jacquart on Wednesday.

The next meeting is slated for Dec. 4.

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The fair is not only for women looking for Christmas bargains.

"The first year, I thought I'd be the only guy here," Ceccon said. That's not the case.

Leroy Kangas, of Ironwood Township, his buck already on the pole at camp, attended with his wife, braving slippery roadways that resulted from four or

the fair were to go to for Hurley's Last Blast non-alcohol graduation celebration, Tammy Rowe said.

Concessions were available throughout the craft fair, the Silver Express performed and Santa Claus made a pre-Thanksgiving visit on a snow-filled day.

benefit the Wakefield Veteran's of Foreign Wars, Post 9084.

Wooden items, knit goods, gourmet dips, pickles, framed photography, sewn and woven items were available.

Not a lot of people came out, but sales were good, Linda Detloff said.

Baked goods, a raffle, and door prizes were also offered, said Susan Luoma, event organizer.

—Katie Perttunen



Katie Perttunen/Daily Globe

BARBARA SCOTT displays her hand woven dream catchers on Saturday at the Mercer Lioness 10th Annual Craft Bazaar.

Poor road conditions lead to various accidents over weekend

IRONWOOD — Poor road conditions led to many vehicles ending up in the ditch, rolling over, or hitting trees over the weekend, from Oma to Ramsay.

Accidents occurred in Hurley,

Mercer, Gurney, Kimball, Oma, Ironwood Township, and Wakefield. No injuries were reported.

A Friday mishap on Fletcher Drive in Wakefield, where the driver hit a tree, yielded dam-

age to the front bumper, headlight, hood, fender, and rear driver's side quarter panel.

A Friday partial rollover on Vanderhagen Road ended with the vehicle on its side, with

damage to the passenger side fenders and doors.

A Saturday rollover on Saxon Road in Montreal yielded no damage, save a passenger side mirror.

On Saturday morning a vehicle slid into a tree on Pardee Lake Road in Oma, yielding damage to the passenger side front bumper and hood.

—Katie Perttunen

WEATHER

Wintry storm threatens Thanksgiving travels

(AP) — A large storm already blamed for at least eight deaths in the West slogged through Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and other parts of the Southwest on Sunday, leading to hundreds of flight cancellations as it slowly churned east ahead of Thanksgiving.

After the storm plows through the Southwest, meteorologists expect the Arctic mass to head south and east, threatening plans for Tuesday and Wednesday as people hit the roads and airports for some of the busiest travel days of the year.

More than 300 flights were cancelled at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, representing about one-third of the scheduled departures, and a spokeswom-

an said deicing equipment had been prepared as officials planned for the worst in a flurry of conference calls and meetings.

"It's certainly going to be a travel impact as we see the first few people making their way for Thanksgiving," National Weather Service meteorologist Tom Bradshaw said.

The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning for chunks of North Texas from noon Sunday until midday Monday. Parts of Oklahoma are also under a winter storm warning, while an advisory has been issued for other parts of the state. A mix of rain and sleet began falling north of Dallas on Interstate 35 by midday Sunday, and areas of southwestern Oklahoma woke

up to several inches of snow.

Several inches of snow fell overnight in Altus in far southwestern Oklahoma, said Damaris Machabo, a receptionist at a Holiday Inn motel.

"It looks great. I love the snow," Machabo said. The snow and freezing temperatures made driving in the area treacherous, but Machabo said she had no problems getting to work early Sunday. Forecasts called for more snow in the area later in the day.

Portions of New Mexico — especially in some of the higher elevations — also had several inches of snow, and near white out conditions were reported along stretches of Interstate 40 west of Albuquerque.

Then along the New Mexico-Texas border, into the El Paso area, a mix of snow, sleet and ice forced some road closures and created messy driving conditions.

Flagstaff in Arizona had 11 inches of snow by early Sunday, and was expected to get another inch by the end of the day before the storm petered out. Metro Phoenix and other parts of central Arizona received between 1 ½ to 2 ½ inches of rain over the course of the storm. The storms caused cancellations of sporting events and parades and damaged the roofs of homes across Arizona.

In Tucson, firefighters on Friday

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2011 to June 2010 includes an increase of almost 5,300 construction jobs, a 5.3 percent jump.

IRONWOOD

Survey link included on city's website

IRONWOOD — A link to the city of Ironwood's website has been added on the comprehensive plan revision.

The new city plan will guide the community for the next decade, as city officials continue to respond to demographic shifts and build on recent successes. The plan will establish a vision for the future and outline how that vision will be achieved, the site notes.

The revision kicked off earlier this month with a workshop before a planning commission meeting.

Brad Scheib, of the Hoisington Koepler Group Inc., of Minneapolis, a consultant planner for the project, outlined how the comprehensive plan will be updated.

Scheib said public involvement will be a key part of the process.

The city hired the Minneapolis firm for \$70,000 to assist in updating the plan.

Ironwood's current plan was adopted in 1982.

The new plan and vision will reflect the goals of the communi-

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er was blamed for at least eight deaths in several fatal traffic accidents. The storm also caused hundreds of rollover accidents, including one that injured three members of singer Willie Nelson's band when their bus hit a pillar on Interstate 30 near Sulphur Springs, about 75 miles north-east of Dallas.

Dallas prepared for the storm by declaring "Ice Force Level 1," code for sending 30 sanding trucks to trouble shoot haz-

ard and solid deicers ready for use. The storm system, though, was particularly hard to predict because a couple of degrees here or there with the temperature will determine whether regions see rain, sleet or snow, Bradshaw said. "It's very difficult to pin those down," Bradshaw said. "It's slow moving and it's sort of bringing its energy out in pieces so it's kind of hard to time these as they come across with a great deal of accuracy."



CARS SLIDE on Paseo del Norte Sunday in Albuquerque, N.M., after a winter storm hit New Mexico weekend making driving difficult for drivers. A large storm already blamed for at least eight deaths in West slogged through Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and other parts of the southwest Sunday and churning east ahead of Thanksgiving.

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ty, while addressing housing and infrastructure, streets and sidewalks, existing and future parks, trails, and the downtown.

The plan will build off previous efforts such as the Downtown Blueprint and the parks and recreation plan.

Public input is being gathered in a number of key areas.

Residents and non-residents may complete the online community survey to provide information about issues they feel are important to the community.

Paper versions of the survey were sent out with the November city tax bills.

The online survey will be open until the first week of January. "We love when people comment online," Scheib said.

A community workshop will be held on Jan. 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and will be followed by an open house from 1 to 6 p.m. on Jan. 22. Both meetings will be at the Memorial Building.

To link to the comprehensive plan survey, visit cityofironwood.org.

—Ralph Ansami

Briefly

32 men and women from US named Rhodes Scholars

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Rhodes Trust says 32 U.S. men

person was hospitalized after being shot in a Tulsa residence, police said Sunday.

The victims were shot by a lone gunman at close range Saturday night, police said.

Will icy comet survive close encounter with sun

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — For months, all eyes in the sky have pointed at the comet that's zooming toward a blisteringly close encounter with the sun.

The moment of truth comes Thursday — Thanksgiving Day.

The sun-grazing Comet ISON, now thought to be less than a mile wide, will either fry and shatter, victim of the sun's incredible power, or endure and quite possibly put on one fabulous celestial show.

Talk about an astronomical cliffhanger.

Even the smartest scientists are reluctant to lay odds.

Should it survive, ISON, pronounced EYE'-sahn, would be visible with the naked eye through December, at least from the Northern Hemisphere. Discernible at times in November with ordinary binoculars and occasionally even just the naked eye, it already has dazzled observers and is considered the most scrutinized comet ever by NASA. But the best is, potentially,

to us than about 40 million miles, less than half the distance between Earth and the sun. That closest approach to Earth will occur Dec. 26. Then it will head away in the opposite direction forever, given its anticipated trajectory once it flies by the sun.

ISON is named after the International Scientific Optical Network, used by a pair of Russian astronomers to detect the comet in September last year. But it officially is known as C/2012 S1, a designation indicating when it was discovered.

Take heart: The "C" means it is not expected here again.

NASA wasted no time jumping on ISON. The space agency's Deep Impact spacecraft observed ISON back in January from a distance of about 500 million miles.

Since then, the observations have stacked up.

Among NASA's space telescopes taking a look: Swift, Hubble, Spitzer, Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, Solar

The newly launched spacecraft en route to Mars at ISON the second week of October, once its ultraviolet instruments are up and running.

"That's well after the comet's approach to the sun," the University of Colorado's Nick Schneider, in charge of the instrument, wrote in an email. So it's not known if we'll see a comet, comet bits or just the last wisps of comet vapor.

"Whatever happens, it's bound to be interesting. The quip from the International League of Comets is, 'Comets are liars. They have tails and do what they want.'"

Besides ISON, NASA is tracking Comet Siding Spring, an Oort cloud comet discovered in 2011 by the Australian astronomer. It will pass within tens of thousands of miles of Mars next October, and that scientists believe the comet — its thin but explosive atmosphere — will envelop the planet.

Commissioners created by the death of Dennis Jacobson, of Bessemer, will be filled within a month.

The seven-member county board met Wednesday. County clerk Gerry Pelissero said if the board doesn't appoint someone to fill the vacant seat within a month, an election would need to be held in February, with the county footing the entire bill for



Dennis Jacobson

Jacobson before the start of Wednesday's regular monthly meeting.

funeral will be conducted Friday in Bessemer. Board members bowed their heads in a moment of silence for

ship, on the north side of U.S. 2. Pelissero said the county board had advertised in the past for candidates to fill the unexpired positions and the board agreed to do that again. Applications will be sought in an advertisement that will be placed in the newspaper on Friday, Saturday and Monday.

The deadline for submitting

applicants at its Dec. 26 meeting, if it chooses to do so.

The board received one application on Wednesday when Rick Minkin, of Bessemer, announced during the public comment portion of the meeting that he'd like to fill the vacant seat.

Minkin handed his letter of application to the clerk. He said he expected some other applicants to also step forth.

Ironwood officials pleased with response to survey

By **RALPH ANSAMI**
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IRONWOOD — Ironwood officials are pleased with the number of people who have responded to a comprehensive plan survey.

Community development director Michael Brown told the city commission on Monday 182 people had filled out surveys.

"It's a very good response," Brown said.

The deadline for completing the surveys is Jan. 3.

Surveys can be completed online by accessing the city Website at cityofironwood.org.

Commissioner Rick Semo said he filled out

a survey online Monday and it was an easy and quick process.

For those without computer access, surveys also may be completed in paper form and are available at city offices in the Memorial Building. Paper versions of the survey were sent out with the November city tax bills.

The surveys aren't confined to city residents only.

Brown outlined meetings in January that are part of revising the comprehensive plan and noted a photo contest will be part of the process. Photos used in the plan document will be credited to the contributing photographers.

To encourage more people fill out surveys, Boy Scouts handed out book markers publicizing the survey process at the Jack Frost parade on Friday.

The revised city comprehensive plan is expected to be adopted some time next summer.

The city hired the Minneapolis firm, Hoisington Koegler Group Inc., for \$70,000 to assist in updating the plan. Ironwood's current plan was adopted in 1982.

The new plan will reflect goals of the community, while addressing housing and infrastructure, streets and sidewalks, existing and future parks and trails, and the downtown, among other categories.

completion

By **RALPH ANSAMI**
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HURLEY — The city of Hurley may end up in litigation over its dissatisfaction with a computerized water-sewer system upgrade.

City council members on Tuesday discussed how to resolve the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition dispute with Van Ert Electric.

The company was given a final punch list to complete for the SCADA project and the city council isn't satisfied that everything on the list has been completed to employees' satisfaction.

The city still owes Van Ert \$91,000 for the SCADA project, which is part of the first phase of the city's effort to build a water treatment facility near the Hurley K-12 school.

Jeff Seamandel, of MSA Professional Services, the city's engineering company for most

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Records

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HURLEY ELEMENTARY School receives a check for \$500 from Exxon Mobil, Tuesday as part of the company's E
third grader Ella DeRosso, elementary principal Kevin Genisot, Ray Kallas of Ray's Mobil Station in Hurley, fifth

Hurley scores Exxon Mobile

■ School earns funding for second year, money to benefit math, science programs

HURLEY — The Hurley School Dis-

trict received grant funding from Exxon Mobil, Tuesday.

According to Ray Kallas, of Ray's Mobil in Hurley, each Mobil station across the country is given an application from Exxon's Education Alliance to nominate its local school for the grant funding.

Each selected s towards math an Hurley Elementar to receive \$500.

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Deadline extended for accepting city comprehensive plan surveys

By RALPH ANSAMI
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IRONWOOD — The deadline for responding to a survey on updating the city of Ironwood's comprehensive plan has been extended to the end of January.

City commissioners heard a presentation Monday from community development director Michael Brown on key meetings scheduled for next week on revising the plan.

Brown said the city has received 580 responses to the survey that is available at Ironwoodcompplan.com, or at city-ofironwood.org. The surveys can be completed online.

A photo contest is part of the planning process. Full-page photos will be included in the final comprehensive plan, with

the name of the photographer next to the photo.

For those without computer access, surveys also may be completed in paper form and are available at city offices in the Memorial Building. Paper versions of the survey were sent out with November city tax bills.

The revised city comprehensive plan is expected to be adopted some time next summer.

The city hired the Minneapolis firm Hoisington Kogler Group Inc. for \$70,000 to assist in updating the current plan, adopted in 1982.

The revised plan will reflect goals of the community, while

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ELECT Cannon seeks seat in Michigan

By LARRY HOLCOMBE
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IRONWOOD — Retired Maj. Gen. Jerry Cannon is looking to extend a career dedicated to public service by being elected to Congress in November.

Cannon, D-Fife Lake, a former Guantanamo Bay commander, announced his candidacy last August to unseat U.S. Rep. Dan Benishek, R-Crystal Falls, in Michigan's First Congressional District.

The Vietnam veteran and former Kalkaska County Sheriff, is touring the Upper Peninsula this week to "listen and talk with as many people as

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Reports widespread payment scam

payment for a Consumers Energy bill within an hour, telling the customer to purchase a Green Dot card at drug or food stores.

"We are cautioning the public to be on guard and alert about this scam," Michael Williams, Consumers Energy's security director, said in a statement. "Our customers should know that Consumers Energy never demands payment over the phone using only a Green Dot card."

future. "I want to get the ideas from the locals about what's holding them back, if anything," he said. "What do you wish would happen? What could we do another way? How could government, not do it for you, but be a partner, kind of clear the way?"

He said he'd like to see the three state universities in the U.P. — Michigan Tech, Northern Michigan and Lake Superior State — become "incubators of these ideas."

"I'm grounded in local issues and concerns, and how to get things done. The state and the fed can be a better partner to help get things done when needed," he said.

Cannon said his Irish immigrant grandmother used to tell him he was lucky to be here. He said he knows that's true and that is propelling him on his "next big adventure."



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...gas, such as Toyota, have joined in the performance fray.

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addressing housing and infrastructure, streets and sidewalks, existing and future parks and trails, and the downtown, among other categories.

Key meetings are planned for next week to receive the public's input on the plan.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, there will be a joint work session of the city commission, Downtown Ironwood Development Authority, Economic Development Corporation, parks and recreation committee and planning commission at 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, a session is set for 5 p.m. between the city commission and the planning commission.

Then on Thursday, Jan. 23, there will be an open house for the public from 1 to 6 p.m., followed by a planning commission work session at 6:30 p.m.

Brown stressed public feedback is essential in revising the plan.

Lottery

Tuesday Michigan

- Poker Lotto: 3D-10D-8H-8S-10S
- Midday Daily 3: 6-4-6
- Midday Daily 4: 1-1-7-4
- Daily 3: 5-6-3
- Daily 4: 8-3-8-1
- Fantasy 5: 02-19-26-32-38
- Keno: 07-10-12-14-18-20-21-22-28-32-37-38-39-40-51-57-62-63-65-71-72-76

Wisconsin

- SuperCash: 05-06-08-14-20-31
- Badger 5: 13-22-26-28-31
- Daily Pick 3: 2-9-0
- Daily Pick 4: 0-4-7-2

Multi-state

- Mega Millions: 4-23-26-62-69, Mega Ball: 13

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Cops: Video of pot plants leads to Connecticut arrest

CLINTON, Conn. (AP) — A Connecticut man faces numerous drug charges after police say he posted a YouTube video of himself giving a tour of what he calls his marijuana garden.

Police in the shoreline town of Clinton, about 20 miles east of New Haven, arrested William Bradley, 46, on Monday following a six-month investigation.

In the video, a man identifying himself as Bradley says he's growing marijuana because it helps relieve symptoms of his terminal cancer. He also solicits donations, saying he wants to give away marijuana to people who need it for medical reasons, instead of selling it to help support himself. Some of the plants are taller than he is.

"Welcome to my beautiful garden," the man says. "As you can see, God has gifted me with an abundance and it's more than I need, so I want to take the extra and give it to people who need the help."

He says in the video that it's October and he intends to harvest the plants in a couple weeks.

Clinton police said they have known Bradley for several years. In 2008, they arrested him on allegations of having more than 10 pounds of marijuana. Court records show he pleaded guilty to possession with intent to sell and was sentenced to two years of probation.

An officer discovered the video and began investigating. Through surveillance, police said they discovered that Bradley was using a storage bin and obtained a search warrant.



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ments at our other regulated utilities. We are confident BBIP will be committed to UPPCO's customers, employees and the Upper Peninsula," he said.

BBIP managing partner Rob Gregor, said the change of ownership will mean business as usual for UPPCO's customers and stakeholders.

"We will maintain the company's Michigan headquarters and, as long-term investors, we are committed to maintaining safe and reliable customer service, and investing in the company and the communities UPPCO serves," Gregor said.

According to Integrys, BBIP approached the group in early 2013 regarding the sale.

Jeff Neil, heads of the North American unit for BBIP, said, "Through our affiliation with Balfour Beatty, we bring more than 100 years of experience in the electric utility sector. In addition, Balfour Beatty entities have a strong presence in Michigan, with close to 100 employees in the state and offices in Detroit and Lansing."

Integrys Energy is a diversified energy-holding company with regulated natural gas and electric utility operations serving customers in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Balfour Beatty employs about 40,000 worldwide.

Lottery

Monday
Michigan

Poker Lotto: QH-3D-5D-3H-4S

Midday Daily 3: 2-3-2

Midday Daily 4: 9-6-7-3

Daily 3: 5-6-2

Fantasy 5: 05-06-11-19-30

Keno: 06-27-36-40-41-43-45-46-47-48-50-51-53-58-60-62-66-72-73-74-75-77

Wisconsin

SuperCash: 03-08-15-21-30-38

Badger 5: 13-15-20-27-30

Daily Pick 3: 7-9-2

Daily Pick 4: 8-7-5-0

avert nursing shortage

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP) — Four schools in the University of Wisconsin System are hoping a new grant program can avert a nursing shortage expected in coming decades.

A report from the Wisconsin Center for Nursing says the state could face a shortfall of 20,000 registered nurses by 2035 — a consequence of expected retirements and an aging U.S. population. The schools hope to prevent a shortage by training more nurses to teach in nursing schools, the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram reported.

The UW campuses in Eau Claire, Madison, Milwaukee and Oshkosh are offering fellowships and loan-forgiveness programs designed to encourage nurses to enroll in graduate programs. The incentives are being funded through a \$3.2 million UW System economic-development incentive grant.

The looming nursing shortage isn't a result of people not wanting to enter the field. Already the four UW schools denied admission to from 50 percent to 80 percent of qualified undergraduate applicants because there weren't enough qualified nursing faculty

to teach them, said Linda Young, the dean of UW-Eau Claire's College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

And the need for new nurses is only going to rise, according to a report from the Wisconsin Center for Nursing. Wisconsin currently produces about 3,100 nurses annually, but the state will need as many as 7,500 new nursing graduates per year by 2020.

So the schools, through the UW System's Nursing for Wisconsin initiative, are hoping to add qualified nurses to their teaching staffs. They're offering fellowships worth up to \$60,000 a year, and they'll also repay up to \$50,000 of a new hire's student loans in exchange for a three-year teaching commitment.

"The goal is to increase the number of nursing faculty and, ultimately, to increase the number of nurses in Wisconsin," Young said.

The average age of nursing faculty in the state is 58, and surveys show a third of them plan to retire in the next four years, the Wisconsin Center for Nursing report said.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The **City of Ironwood** seeks the public's input for its new comprehensive plan which will guide the City's growth and development for the next 20 years. The public's input is very important in this process. Please join the City on **Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Memorial Building at 213 S. Marquette St., Ironwood, MI 49938 to share your thoughts on how the City should develop over the next 20 years.

Please also join the City on **Thursday, January 23, 2014 from 1-6 p.m.** for an **Open House** to meet and talk with the City regarding its future.

To learn more about this process please visit www.ironwoodcompplan.com.

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Area athletes compete in Special Olympics Winter Games at Marquette

MARQUETTE — Twenty-seven area athletes, coaches and chaperones attended the 27th annual Special Olympics Michigan Winter Games in memory of Rico N. Zenti at the Superior Dome and Marquette Mountain in Marquette Friday and Saturday.

More than 100 athletes from across the Upper Peninsula gathered to compete in alpine skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, Nordic skiing and physical fitness.

A torch light parade kicked off the games at Marquette Mountain.

Members of the Knights of Columbus, Northern Michigan University's ROTC program, U.S. Olympic Education program and many NMU sports teams led the parade of athletes in the opening ceremony.

Seven NMU students athletes gave the welcome speech. Five members from Negaunee High School chorus sang the National Anthem. An invocation was given by Pastor Michael Carriere. Lighting of the Olympic Flame was an athlete from Area 39, Patrick Bruun. Sean O'Donnell and Carl Bammert gave the Special Olympics oath and declared the games open. Sean O'Donnell was the master of ceremonies.

Under director Barb Siira, the athletes each participated in two events.

Medals for first (gold), and second (silver) places were awarded to the following athletes:

Snowshoeing 30 meters — First place, Monica Vizina. Theodore Anderson and Brittany

Snowshoeing 50 meters — First place, Branden Nelson and Brittany Sordahl; Second place, Sam Whiteside, Jeremy Netzel and Steven White. Joe Tacconelli dropped out.

Snowshoeing 75 meters — First place, Steven White, Marilyn Karling, Nicholas Webb and Sam Whiteside; Second place, Alisha Hill, LaTrisse Webb and Paul Tuominen. Linda Barnabo dropped out.

Snowshoeing 100 meters — First place, Alisha Hill, Branden Nelson and Sam Whiteside; Second place, Nicholas Webb, Jeremy Netzel and Paul Tuominen. Linda Barnabo dropped out.

Snowshoeing 200 meters — First place, Barney Hinch.

Snowshoeing 400 meters — First place, Barney Hinch.

Physical Fitness, sit ups — First place, Stephanie Sokolovic, Suzi Lammer, Jason O'Leary; Ted Ketola, Brandon Lampart, Fred Broemer and Bob Cook; Second place, Patrick Bruun and Vicki Wilhelm.

Physical Fitness, push ups — First place, Ted Ketola, Fred Broemer, Bob Cook, Jason O'Leary, Brandon Lampart, Vicki Wilhelm, Stephanie Sokolovic, Patrick Bruun and Suzi Lammer.

Patrick Bruun received the Inspirational Athlete Award.

Cherrice Webb received recognition for volunteering with Area 39 Special Olympics.

Area 39 coaches and chaperones were Barb Siira, Jean Barbacovi, Cherrice Webb and Tommy Davis.

Siira thanked "all who offered assistance to our local Special Olympics program."

Briefly

Ironwood seeks input on comprehensive plan

IRONWOOD — Ironwood city officials are seeking the public's input on the city's new comprehensive plan.

The plan "will guide the city's growth and development for the next 20 years," said a spokesman. "The public's input is very important in this process."

City officials have planned a public session for tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Building, and a open house on Thursday from 1-6 p.m.

For more information, visit ironwoodcompplan.com.

Friends of Ironwood library to elect officers

IRONWOOD — The Friends of the Ironwood Library will hold a meeting Saturday at 10 a.m.

The group will elect a president and secretary/treasurer.

Wakefield library to host children's story time

WAKEFIELD — The Wakefield Public Library will host a children's story time Saturday at 10 a.m.

They will read "Pete the Cat." A snack will be provided.

For more information call 906-229-5236.

Little Finland plans game day for Sunday

KIMBALL, Wis. — Little Finland will host a game day on Sunday, Jan. 26, at 2 p.m.

"Bring your favorite game and goodies to be served with coffee," said a spokesman. For more information, call 906-932-1608.

Saxon-Gurney FD hosts annual roast beef dinner

SAXON, Wis. — The Saxon-Gurney Fire Department is hosting its annual roast beef dinner



Miranda Anderson/Daily Globe

IRONWOOD MAYOR Kim Corcoran, right, speaks to a group of citizens at a meeting of the planning commission at the Memorial Building Wednesday.

Comprehensive plan meetings aim at approving new document

By **MIRANDA ANDERSON**
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IRONWOOD — Planning consultants for Ironwood's comprehensive plan revision held an open house at the Memorial Building Thursday afternoon.

The event highlighted ideas and concepts developed by consultants during the week. The plan is aimed to increase economic development by creating jobs, local businesses and housing.

The consultants are from the Minneapolis firm of Hoisington Koegler Group Inc. The city has paid the firm \$70,000 to assist in updating the plan, adopted in 1982.

The event also included a "postcard from the future" activity, where participants wrote on printed postcards to Ironwood in the year 2034.

A wrap-up meeting with the planning commission followed the event.

Community development director Michael Brown encourages citizen participation for Ironwood's comprehensive plan to succeed.

"We want the public to take ownership of this plan," said Brown.

A community survey is posted on the plan website, ironwood-complan.com. Hundreds of responses have already been received.

The consultants also visited Gordon Erickson's American government class at Luther L. Wright to receive input from students during the week.

Students completed the community survey and offered suggestions to assist in developing the city.

The consultants are writing a draft of the new plan.

"Our goal is to have the plan approved by the summer," said Brown.

New York City jury convicts con man in failed hit plot

NEW YORK (AP) — A con man already imprisoned in a collectible coin scam was convicted by a jury on Thursday in a plot to avenge his sentence by hiring a hit man to decapitate the federal judge and the U.S. attorney in

tenced to 15 years in prison and ordered to forfeit \$7 million in the coin scheme, which victimized elderly investors, prosecutors said. Six months into the sentence, another inmate reported through his lawyer that he

dent," but the result of "reforms and budget constraints," adding, "We want to keep it going."

Walker said an encouraging economic sign across the state is that the average income is increasing.

He said a state income tax rate cut of from 4.4 percent to 4 percent and reductions in withholding taxes on paychecks will save Wisconsin families money.

Walker said some lawmakers would like to see the surplus money stay in Madison. "I say

Synthetic marijuana advances in

MADISON, Wis. — A bill that strengthens the state's law prohibiting synthetic marijuana advanced in Madison on Wednesday.

During its last session, the legislature made it illegal to possess, manufacture, distribute or deliver synthetic marijuana, however distributors found a loophole. By altering the synthetic formula, it made it difficult for prosecutors to try the cases.

State Senators Sheila Harsdorf, R-River Falls, and Robert Jauch, D-Poplar, and Rep. Garey Bies, R-Sister Bay, announced the passage of Senate Bill 325 in the State Assembly.

"Signing this bill into law will give District Attorneys the tools they need to bring successful cases against these individuals," Bies said.

The bill provides a more comprehensive list of illegal substances, based on what state crime labs are seeing.

The bill also makes it illegal to



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...ive deterrent for the repeat offender," Plutchak said.

Judges Anders Tingstad and Mark Wisti oversee the courts. The court team consists of a judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, probation officer, case manager, treatment provider, mental health provider and law enforcement.

Plutchak said that the underlying belief in this approach is that drug and/or alcohol addicted offenders are likely to re-offend unless they are equipped with the skills to address their substance use disorder.

Not all offenders want to be included in the new court process and not all are even eligible for it. Offenders must live in a location where they can get to all the court dates and obligations. They cannot be violent offenders, not have any pending felony charges, cannot have a history of drug delivery, possess a dangerous weapon at the time of the offense, must show sufficient emotional stability and mental capacity and sign a voluntary written consent to participate in the program.

The five phases of the program are stringent and some would probably not enter the program except for some of the potential benefits of participating. The incentives include possible reduced jail sentence, possible restricted license for DWI offenses, access to community resources and services and overcome substance abuse dependency.

Phase one, for example, includes daily breathalyzer tests, drug testing twice a week, meeting with probation officer or case worker twice a month, attending court review hearings every two weeks, treatment as established in the plan and attend 12-step meetings or programs twice a week. In addition, Phase one also includes obtaining a verified sponsor, random home visits by police or probation officer, establishing a payment plan with the court, a curfew from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. and 90 days sober to move on to phase two.

The subsequent phases include many of the same requirements including the curfew, but get slightly more relaxed as they move toward the fifth phase. At the end of the fifth phase the participant must have 180 current, continuous sober/clean days to graduate from the

New garbage collection service in Ironwood to begin on May 1

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IRONWOOD — The Ironwood City Commission's meeting Monday evening included updates on many of the city's continuing projects, including writing the future comprehensive plan, lighting along a redone U.S. 2 and starting with a new garbage collection service on May 1.

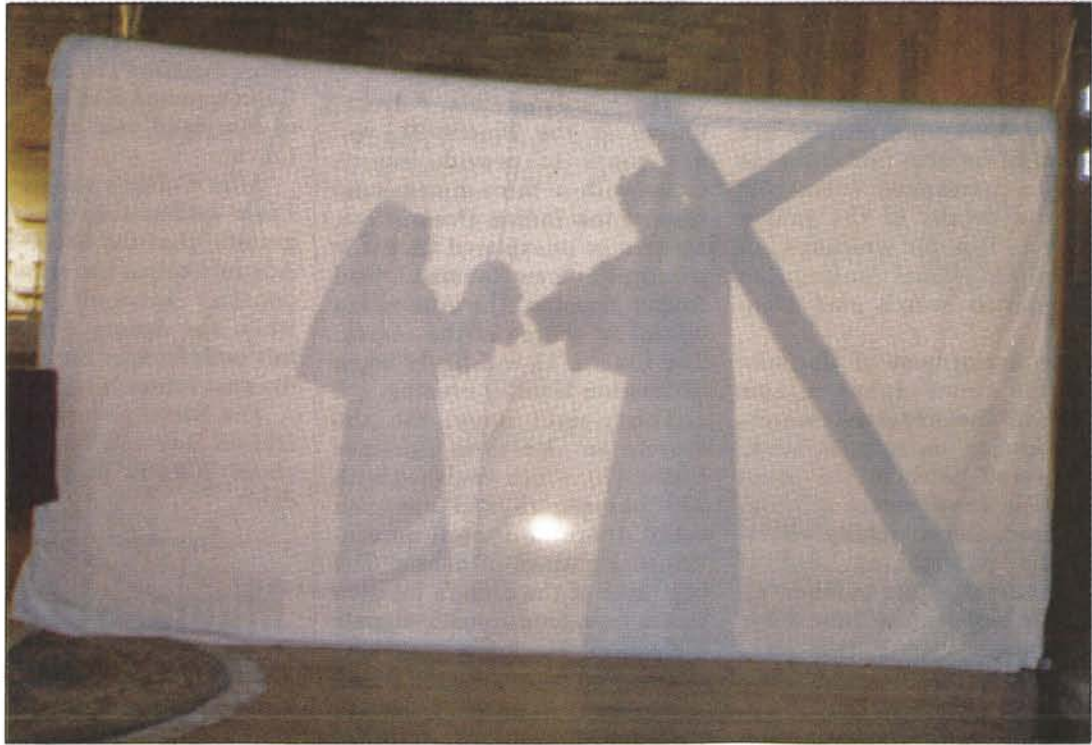
City manager Scott Erickson said a draft of the comprehensive plan is being looked over by city officials and will be presented at the May 7 Planning Commission meeting.

The city will hold an open house on May 19 for the public to review the document and talked to officials and planners who have been hired to help with the project, Erickson said. "The plan is for revisions to be made in June and for a public hearing to be held in July."

Erickson said he was unable to find any grants available to help with improving the lighting along U.S. 2 as part of the 2014-15 highway reconstruction project, although the Michigan Department of Transportation does offer a loan pro-

gram.

He outlined a "rough estimate" \$100,000 project that would replace the existing wooden light poles with black composite poles just along the north side, allowing the lines to be buried. Money could also be available for "monument style" welcome signs, and an additional sidewalk project along the south side of the highway between Douglas Boulevard and Curry Street. The project already includes a sidewalk along the north side



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THE SIXTH station of the cross is where Veronica wipes the face of Jesus. During each of the stations, the students have a message that goes with the particular station. This one asks God to help "us act with kindness and compassion as we unite our love with yours, in caring for someone who is hurting."

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WEATHER

TODAY

Partly cloudy
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Monday

High	32	To 7 a.m.
Low	25	Monday .01 in.

Year ago today

High	39	To 7 a.m.
Low	7	Monday trace

Today's records

High	39 (2003)	Snow on ground 0 in.
Low	7 (2013)	Season total 177.0 in.
		Last season 180.7 in.

Precipitation

Monday	.01 in.
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Snowfall

Monday	trace
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Snow on ground

Monday	0 in.
Season total	177.0 in.
Last season	180.7 in.

RECIPE BOX

Grilling season around the corner right with a party

THE MICHIGAN Department of Transportation (MDOT) is reconstructing 1.3 miles of US-2 in Ironwood, from Tourist Park Road to Curry Street, pictured above. Work includes utility upgrades, sidewalks and construction of a center left-turn lane at US-2 Business Route (Douglas Boulevard). On May 14, the contractor will begin improvements to the detour route, including milling and paving, pavement marking and lane assignment modifications.

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19, and will at that point ask people to stop and will begin making the needed meter readings.

Comprehensive plan

Community Development Director Michael Brown said a draft of the comprehensive plan is now open for public review and is available online on the city's website: cityofironwood.org.

The city will hold an open house on May 19 from 4:30 to

6:30 p.m. to discuss the plan.

In other action, the commission:

—Presented a plaque of appreciation to members of the Luther L. Wright High School JROTC for helping with Saturday's citywide cleanup day.

—Also presented a plaque of thanks to Lt. Col. David Manki of the LLW JROTC for his years of service, as he is retiring this year.

—Approved the sale of scrap metal to Chicago Iron, including old water meters and pipes, at a rate of \$220 per ton for iron and \$2.05 per pound for brass.

—Heard a presentation from Paul Kostelnik about an art competition set for this summer, to

include a display of 12 works of art in the Miners Memorial Heritage Park from June 28 through the last week of July. He said the Friends of the MMHP are raising funds for prizes, hoping for a top prize of \$1,000.

—Discussed repaving 3.4 miles of roads in Riverside Cemetery. Erickson said pulverizing and repaving would cost about \$100,000. There is \$500,000 in the perpetual care fund, but it will take an ordinance to allow using the money, with the promise of paying it back. The commission OK'd drawing up such an ordinance. Erickson said afterwards, there are also 1.6 miles of unpaved roadway in the cemetery.

—Gave Ken Farhner until the first commission meeting in June to clean up property at 400 Cedar St. Commissioner Rick Semo said Farhner had made progress in cleaning up the mess since the snow had melted.

—Heard complaints from Farhner about blight in his neighborhood around his home at 117 May St. Erickson said blight and other notices have been sent. He said city officials would continue to look into the matter.

—Heard the Kiwanis Pancake Day is Thursday at Tacconelli's.

—Heard the Miners Memorial Heritage Park clean up day is Saturday, beginning at the Hiawatha statue at 9 a.m.

up to four years in prison and \$4,000; one felony count of delivery/manufacturing Schedules 1, 2 and 3 (except marijuana), punishable up to seven years in prison and \$10,000; and one felony count of maintaining a drug house, punishable up to two years in prison and \$25,000.

Anderson is also facing an additional felony charge of delivery/manufacturing 5 to 45 kilograms of marijuana, punishable up to seven years in prison and \$500,000.

Bond was set at \$600,000, subject to 10 percent for both Anderson and Pollard.

GIANT is a local task force comprised of officers from the Ironwood Public Safety, Hurley Police, Iron County Sheriff's, Gogebic County Sheriff's and Lac Vieux Desert Tribal Police departments.

— Cortney Ofstad

Township

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Trustee Bernie Brunello said maybe the board should ask for 1.5 mills.

"One mill isn't going to get you very far," Brunello said.

The board decided to look into deadlines to have the item put on the ballot in November.

"Ultimately, it's their (the taxpayers) decision," Trustee Kevin Lyons said. "Let's let them decide."

Rate increase

The board heard an update from Brunello on the Gogebic Range Water Authority, which is currently in negotiations regarding a possible rate increase.

According to Brunello, the authority wants a 3 percent rate increase to help pay for general maintenance of the plant. He said he does not want to increase water or sewer rates for township residents.

The board echoed Brunello's comments, saying it was "adamantly" against the proposed increase.

"They have all this money set aside from the different municipalities to use for maintenance," Lyons said. "Why not use it?"

Brunello said he would like to see the authority re-work its budget to avoid another rate increase.

"Our customers can't afford another raise," Brunello said.

Library letter

A letter was received from Dean and Pope law offices in Ironwood regarding the township's contract with the Ironwood



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SUPERVISOR ALAN Baron and trustees Kathy Maki, Kevin Lyons and Bernie Brunello look over the agenda during an Ironwood Township Board of Trustees Meeting Monday.

Carnegie Library.

Last month, the board moved to rescind its contract with the library because a resident recommended by the township board was not placed on the library board.

According to township board members, the letter received talked about a "miscommunication," and how it seemed the contract was still in place.

"We made it very clear who we wanted," Lyons said. "Any miscommunication would be between the library and the Ironwood City Council."

A motion was approved to receive the letter and place it on file, and have attorney Mark McDonald write a letter in response.

Other business

The board approved the hiring of Casey Carlson and Matthew Jackson as summer employees, and approved to move its next meeting to May 27 to avoid the Memorial Day holiday.

Trustee Kathy Maki asked if the township could put together

a "welcome" packet for new residents in the township, including ordinances, township newsletters and information on the parks.

"We talked about doing it in the past, and we never got anywhere," Maki said. "I would like to see this done."

Scott Carlson, of the fire department, spoke to the board about the department's annual Mother's Day brunch fundraiser. According to Carlson, this year might be the last one because of poor turnout.

"It's a lot of work for us, with very little profit," Carlson said.

Some members of the board suggested the department brainstorm different fundraising ideas.

Carlson said he would like to include a survey in the end of the year newsletter through the township office to see if residents still want the department to host it.

"It's been a tradition for the past 23 or 24 years," Carlson said. "If they want us to keep having it, we'll do it."

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Harma also informed the board the airport was collaborating with Air Choice One on a marketing strategy to introduce the partnership.

"We're working on making sure that everything we put into advertising has our logo and

their logo so we're all tied together and in uniform," Harma said.

According to Harma, Air Choice One is providing the photos of their aircrafts and station in Chicago to be used in commercial and web advertising. He also said the commercial may include cool attractions in Chicago because "part of the ad is to get people going that way."

The aircraft will carry eight passengers, or nine without a

copilot.

Flights through the airport can be booked online, and according to the airport's website, service through Air Choice One to/from the Chicago O'Hare International Airport will begin July 7.

Harma told board members he expects customers to be able to book flights on some of the more popular online travel sites, such as Travelocity, in about two weeks.

Briefly

2 dead in 2 shootings near Michigan State campus

EAST LANSING (AP) — A suspect has been arrested in the fatal shooting of two people at different locations near the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing.

Police say the arrest followed a standoff Monday afternoon. A campus alert has been lifted and normal operations at the school

resumed about 1:15 p.m.

The first shooting occurred just after 11 a.m. Monday in a Rite Aid store at Frandor Shopping Center in Lansing Township, just west of the school.

Lansing police officer Robert Merritt says the victim was a 35-year-old man.

The second shooting was reported minutes later, northeast of the campus in East Lansing.

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Public opinion wanted on Ironwood comprehensive plans

By RYAN JARVI
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IRONWOOD — Community members will have another chance to offer input for the future of Ironwood at an open house where city officials will discuss a draft of the comprehensive plan.

"It's the first chance to really look at it," said Michael Brown, Ironwood's community development director. "This (open house) is really for the public to provide comments to us on the plan, and let know what they think of it."

The city's current plan was adopted in

1982. Hoisington Koepler Group, Inc. was hired for \$70,000 to assist with updating the plan, which has been developed over an eight-month process.

The current draft of the plan calls for immediate action to be taken within one year of its approval, which includes updating ordinances and preparing master plans for the infrastructure system and parks and recreation.

Estimates given in the plan say that action could cost anywhere between \$320,000 and \$1.36 million, which would be funded by the city and various community

partners.

Short-term goals of the plan, which would take place between one and five years after approval, are estimated to cost between \$560,000 and \$3.17 million.

Brown said there isn't enough money to do all of the immediate action plans right now, and that the plan is more of a strategy for the next 20 years.

What it basically does is outline "all the projects available that you should consider

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Students shine at MTU Bioathlon

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IRONWOOD — Four Ironwood freshmen competed at the 25th annual Michigan Technological University Bioathlon recently in Houghton, and came home with a second place finish.

Sixteen teams from across the Upper Peninsula competed in the event, including Bessemer, Houghton, L'Anse, Negaunee and Calumet.

In order to participate, students cannot be beyond sophomore-level biology, but some teams consist of older students, including juniors and seniors.

"For this very young team, it's a great accomplishment to beat some older teams," teacher Paul Mattson said. "They are on their



Photo courtesy of WLUC-TV

IRONWOOD FRESHMAN Maggie Meyer, far right, looks into a microscope while her team members Corissa Mattson, Kathleen Mieloszyk and Leah Braucher (hidden), watch during the 25th annual Michigan Technological University Bioathlon recently in Houghton.

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Aging Unit welcomes new members

By RYAN JARVI
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HURLEY — The Aging Unit of Iron County Board of Directors appointed members to committees, installed a new member, and further discussed its bylaws during its meeting on Thursday.

Following confusion over election rules at a previous meeting, the Board of Directors was unable to fill an empty position. During a previous meeting the board held two separate votes for two separate positions without first announcing it.

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WEATHER

Thursday		Precipitation	
High	45	To 7 a.m.	
Low	31	Thursday	none
Year ago today		Snowfall	
High	74	To 7 a.m.	
Low	44	Thursday	none
Today's records		Snow on ground	none
High	88 (1962)	Season total	192.7 in.
Low	20 (1925)	Last season	223.7 in.

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doing, but it will come down to the planning commission, city commission and other groups in the area to prioritize," Brown said.

Every five years the city is required by state law to update its plans, and each item will go through the natural budgeting processes.

To gather information a survey was sent to city residents in November 2013. Respondents listed encouraging new business development or growth, and working with existing businesses to promote job growth as the two most important issues. It was closely followed by improving the city's road systems.

The top three things people like least about Ironwood were access to jobs, diversity of jobs and city infrastructure.

The comprehensive plan builds off of previous efforts such as the Downtown Blueprint and the Park and Recreation Plan to address housing, infrastructure, sidewalks and streets, parks and trails, and the overall vitality of the downtown area.

"We're excited about the plan and ready to hit the ground running and start implementing," Brown said.

The plan also has a series of "Spark Plans" that act as mini action plans to detail the main strategies of the overall plan.

"The spark plans really talk about the who, what, when, where and why," Brown said. "It will be a useful tool; a really practical tool for the city or any-

one to use."

Brown said HKGI hasn't used spark plans before and that they are unique for the city of Ironwood.

The spark plans can also provide guidance for different committees in the city, said Tom Bergman, chair of the Ironwood Planning Commission.

From the planning perspective, Bergman said the commission will look at those plans and start to identify people or organizations in the community that could complement parts of the plan.

"The comprehensive plan is sort of a road map for your community," Bergman said. "The key is to keep that plan off the shelf and active all the time, and this is a tool to really do that."

The public open house will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. May 19 in the Ironwood Memorial Building Auditorium.

There will be hard copies of the plan, poster boards and different exhibits to examine, and project members will be on hand to answer questions.

From there, the Planning Commission will review a final draft of the plan at its work session on June 4, and consider approving the plan during the public hearing July 2.

City officials expect the plan to be placed before the City Commission on July 14 for approval, unless major concerns are heard.

The public is encouraged to submit comments and input at least one week before the Planning Commission meeting on July 2, so feedback can be summarized prior to the meeting date.

The plan can be reviewed at ironwoodcompplan.com/.

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spoke during the public portion of the meeting. He said because bylaws don't address conditions should be run, they would be governed by law. And in the absence of Robert's Rules of Order, he addressed.

"If you have an election with multiple candidates, you have more than one position. The only way to change that is in the bylaws," Ouimette said.

Because the unit's bylaws are not specifically addressed, he said Robert's Rules of Order would be used to choose the proper method, which he chose to consult with attorney, Michael Pope.

The board waited for new members until after a response from Pope.

"Robert's Rules of Order" used to prohibit corrections to the Board were written in his response.

He went on to say that vacancies must be filled by position by position.

"It is improper to fill vacancies by cumulative, i.e. taking the top two positions," Pope wrote.

Though individuals intended Pope's response, the board went with the attorney and installed

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 Midday Daily 4: 5-8-9-0
 Daily 3: 4-7-0
 Daily 4: 5-8-6-4
 Fantasy 5: 10-22-32-37-39

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Commission approves new comprehensive plan

Plan unanimously approved by commission

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IRONWOOD — The city commission Monday approved a comprehensive plan designed to guide Ironwood well into the future.

The plan that cost the city \$70,000 was unanimously approved after several community leaders supported it.

"This is a great deal for the community. It's really a beginning. I hope we fund projects as we go forward that are part of this plan," said Tom Bergman, chair of the city's planning commission.

"It's a good step forward," said John Wyssling, who city commissioner Rick Semo described as a "relentless proponent" of the effort to develop an updated plan.

Bob Jacquart urged the commission to focus on the plan when making its decisions, devoting parts of its meetings to how it might address parts of the document. "Keep it alive," he said.

Velda Sclafani, community development coordinator for the Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency, said the plan will help her in recruiting businesses to the area. "Follow that plan," she urged.

City commissioner David Sim agreed it shouldn't "sit on the shelf."

Community Development Director Michael Brown said the plan will serve as a marketing tool for the city. "A lot of people believe in the plan," he said.

Brown described how the process to develop an updated comprehensive plan began last November and included a consulting firm and input from the planning commission and parks

and recreation committee.

The eight chapters in the document address issues such as transportation, housing and land use.

"It's doable," Brown said. He noted 4,000 requests for input through a survey resulted in 500 responses from the public and that was an important part of the process.

When the plan was approved Monday, it resulted in some rare applause from the audience.

In a companion decision, the commission approved a five-year park and recreation plan that had to be adopted separately so more Department of Natural Resources funding can be requested.

At a public hearing Monday before the regular meeting, Marion True, a member of the parks and recreation committee, said he supported the recreation plan, referring to the local and out-of-area volunteers who

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal officer fired his weapon once at men in a truck as they fled a pro-Israel rally in Los Angeles after using wooden poles bearing Palestinian flags to hit protesters, authorities said Monday.

The incident, which resulted in four arrests and no injuries, occurred at the rally on Sunday outside the Federal Building in Westwood.

The rally was held as Israel continued an offensive against Hamas that had killed 160 people and forced thousands of Palestinian residents to flee their homes.

Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip have launched more than 800 rockets at Israel.

The pro-Israel rally in Los Angeles attracted as many as 1,800 people, including some pro-Palestinian demonstrators. Several were in a truck with a Palestinian flag when a pro-Israel

demonstrator grabbed the flag and stepped on it, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sgt. Dave Valentine said.

The men in the truck confronted the demonstrators and struck multiple people with their flagpoles, Valentine said.

An officer who typically provides security for federal buildings tried to stop the four men from attempting to flee and fired a shot from his service weapon, Federal Protective Service spokeswoman Jacqueline Yost said in a statement.

The name of the officer was not released.

Yost had no further details on what the officer was aiming at or what steps were taken before the weapon was discharged.

An ambulance was called for a woman who was injured after apparently being hit by the men, Yost said. Los Angeles fire spokesman Erik Scott said no one was transported to a hospital.

Police later caught up with the truck, and four men were arrested and booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, Valentine said.

The men, 19-year-old Mostadafa Gamaleldin Hafez, 41-year-old Hassan Mustapha Kreidieh, 35-year-old Mohammed Said Elkhatib and 38-year-old Fadi Ali Obeidallah, all posted \$30,000 bail Monday.

Efforts to reach the men were not immediately successful.

Agency policy calls for the officer who fired the shot to be placed on paid administrative leave pending the completion of an investigation by the Federal Protective Service.

The Sheriff's Department is conducting its own investigation of the incident with assistance from the FBI, said FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller.

The pro-Israel rally followed a pro-Palestinian rally on Saturday.

BUSINESS

Stocks move higher on earnings news

(AP) — Stocks shook off last week's doldrums and finished sharply higher Monday, driven by a round of corporate deal news and strong earnings from Citigroup.

Investors cheered AECOM Technology's \$4 billion acquisition of engineering and construction services company URS Corp., sending URS' stock up 11.6 percent and AECOM 8.6 percent.

Citigroup rose 3 percent after the bank turned in better-than-expected results and disclosed it has agreed to pay \$7 billion to settle a federal probe into its mortgage securities business. JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Goldman Sachs, due to report earnings

indexes notched their second gain in two days. That's a turnaround from last week, when the Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 0.9 percent, its worst showing since April.

Concern about Portugal's Espirito Santo International, which reportedly missed a debt payment last week, harked back to issues that spawned Europe's debt crisis.

On Monday, investors appeared to be reassured any problems would be contained.

"Investors are saying if this Portugal thing really isn't significant from an impact standpoint, and the earnings are coming in

equity strategist at Federated Investments.

The major indexes rose in pre-market trading as investors digested Citigroup's earnings. They opened in the green and held steady through the entire session.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 9.53 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,977.10. The index is down 0.4 percent from its most recent all-time high of 1,985.44 set July 3.

Nine of the 10 sectors in the S&P 500 rose, led by energy stocks. Utilities fell the most.

The Dow Jones industrial average added 111.61 points, or 0.7 percent, to 17,055.42. The Dow is

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