

## **Inman Mastermind Summit (Transcribed notes from public meeting)**

**Date:** August 2

**Time:** 7:00 am

**Location:** Inman Senior Center

**Attendees:** 34 attendees 28 responses: Years in community; 1 less than 5 years, 9 5-20 years, 8 born and raised, 7 moved here more than 20 years ago, 2 only work here, and 2 other

Education; 0 Less than HS, 3 HS Grad or equivalent, 8 Associated or some College, 16 Bachelor's or higher

Occupation; 7 employed public sector, 7 employed private sector, 7 Retired, 7 Small business owners

Age; 0 under 20, 2 20-39 year olds, 11 40-60 year olds, 15 60 and older

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### **Economic Confidence**

**What is causing the disconnect between business conditions and available job opportunities? What might even these out?**

- Current interest and opportunities don't match
- Maybe all available employment isn't high paying (livable wage)
- Mainstreet development

### **Community Engagement**

**What specific actions can local leaders take to improve communication and transparency with residents?**

- Miss our local paper
  - No local Newspaper
  - Too reliant on technology to get information out
    - FB and other social media algorithms work against getting info out
- Desire for public message board
- Digital board is nice but you stop traffic to read it
- City Website has a calendar, maybe there is potential there
- No plan
  - Do the minimum

**What are some steps that could be taken to address the highlighted issues?**

- Housing conference will have information about retention and recruitment
- Work on the cost of building and high-interest rate barrier for building
- Work on barriers to entry for new businesses (high utilities)

- Work to develop clean manufacturing (evaporative sewage requirement)
- Reinstate State of the Town meetings
- Work on transforming doers into planners
- Offering entrepreneurship opportunities/classes