

McPherson Mastermind Summit (Transcribed notes from public meeting)

Date: August 1

Time: 10:00 am

Location: McPherson Community Building

Attendees: 59 attendees: Years in community; 5 less than 5 years, 23 5-20 years, 11 born and raised, 12 moved here more than 20 years ago, 4 only work here, and 3 other
Education; 1 Less than HS, 4 HS Grad or equivalent, 17 Associated or some College, 3 6 Bachelor's or higher

Occupation; 1 student, 28 employed public sector, 18 employed private sector, 2 Retired, 9 Small business owners

Age; 1 under 20, 15 20-39 year olds, 28 40-60 year olds, 14 60 and older

Economic Confidence

While still high confidence in employment opportunities took a large hit from last year. What could be done to address this negative shift?

- Gap in Skills and jobs?
- Maybe all available employment isn't high paying (livable wage)
- Cost of Homes outpace income

Community Engagement

What specific initiative could enhance residents' sense of belonging and loyalty?

How can we better articulate long-term plans and make the planning process more transparent?

- Miss our local paper

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

- Cost of Care and availability is a big concern with childcare
- Housing study has been completed will know more about needs when it comes out in September
- Knowing what needs to be completed to fix the concerns for public infrastructure