



Phase I - Midland City Modern Master Plan

March 20, 2021, 2:37PM

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What should the City focus on during the Master Planning process?

Summary Of Responses

As of March 20, 2021, 2:37 PM, this forum had:		Topic Start	Topic End
Attendees:	506	March 10, 2021, 7:46 AM	March 20, 2021, 2:11 PM
Responses:	205		
Hours of Public Comment:	10.3		

QUESTION 1

What top three (3) topics should the City focus on during the City Modern master planning process?

(As you answer this question, think about the things the City of Midland has control over as a local government.)

Answered	205
Skipped	0

- all area **areas** business **businesses** center **community** control development downtown eastman **flood**
flooding from housing infrastructure making mall midland **more** need NEW parking **parks** people restaurants road s
safety saginaw **SEWER** small spaces **streets** system t town **traffic** use

QUESTION 2

What is the top thing you treasure or like most about Midland?

Answered	194
Skipped	11

activities **all** also **amenities** area around arts big Center **community** do dow **downtown** etc **family** feel friendly **good** great green
how **library** like love midland **opportunities** other **outdoor** parks people place rail s **safe** safety **services** **small** so
town trail

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QUESTION 3

What is the top issue facing the City of Midland, either now or in the future?

Answered	194
Skipped	11

all area businesses **community do** dow flood flooding from future get government growth infrastructure issue **issues** like
midland more much need new **people** plan residents road s sewer so some **t they** things time **too town** want was
what young

QUESTION 4

Describe your vision for the future of Midland.

Answered	177
Skipped	28

activities **all** also **area** areas business **businesses community** continue downtown events feel friendly from good great
like live **make** mall midland **more** needs nice opportunities other **people place** residents s safe see small **t town** up well
where work young

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Survey Questions

QUESTION 1

What top three (3) topics should the City focus on during the City Modern master planning process?

(As you answer this question, think about the things the City of Midland has control over as a local government.)

QUESTION 2

What is the top thing you treasure or like most about Midland?

QUESTION 3

What is the top issue facing the City of Midland, either now or in the future?

QUESTION 4

Describe your vision for the future of Midland.

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Individual Responses

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 10, 2021, 10:08 AM

Question 1

- Business Expansion, especially along Bay City Road
- Traffic flow and congestion
- Downtown vibrancy

Question 2

The Dow Gardens, Center for the Arts and Library area is fantastic. Really great options for the mind, body and soul. These three together are really Midland's Crown Jewels. No other small town has something like this.

Question 3

Property taxes are SUPER high. I can't believe how much we pay. It's stifling. Knowing we could move to Larkin and save 25% is depressing. We have to find ways to increase the tax base beyond just socking it to homeowners.

Question 4

Strong, vibrant, walkable downtown, and maybe even a united feel with better walkability between the library, MCFTA and Dow Gardens. Traffic flows well, neighborhoods are clean and welcoming, and people have choices for food, shopping and entertainment.

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 10:21 AM

Question 1

- Diversity and Inclusion
- Attracting of the moment business
- Creating spaces that eliminate the need to leave town

Question 2

The size of the city, you can drive anywhere major in less than fifteen minutes.

Question 3

The lack of diversity.

Question 4

I would hope that Midland would be more than a town people pass through to go to Mount Pleasant or leave to shop in Saginaw.

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 3:44 PM

Question 1

- Updating all neighborhood parks...some parks have old swings, slides and other playground equipment.
- Love the bike trails and rail trail! Keep those in top notch condition
- Love the Center for the Arts and all its offerings...theater and Peanut Gallery for children. Fantastic!

Question 2

The activities for children to do...play in the parks; hike and bike trails; community center activities; city sports; Peanut Gallery theater.

Question 3

Cut backs of employment from Dow, DuPont, and Corteva. Need to keep small businesses running since major stores seem to be closing down. How does one keep the city growing and attractive for new businesses??

Question 4

I would love to see the city thrive with stores and restaurants that you don't find elsewhere so that out of town people would come spend money!!

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 10, 2021, 3:47 PM

Question 1

- Infrastructure
- Housing
- Flood planning

Question 2

I love the small community feel with big community amenities. The quick and easy access to numerous parks and other outdoor activities is very welcome.

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Question 3

Infrastructure. Roads are deteriorating, water main breaks are becoming a common occurrence, and the need to ensure proper drainage to combat flooding.

Question 4

No response

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 3:47 PM

Question 1

- flooding
- downtown
- the market should be downtown

Question 2

the many opportunities offered to all school system-always been an attraction to move to Midland

Question 3

FLOODING HAS HIT US VERY HARD SEVERAL TIMES AND NEEDS THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

Question 4

ASmaller city that is very SAFEfor all of us. no huge problems. An outstanding school system. Many opportunities for all....sports, the arts, and a all treated equally.

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 3:50 PM

Question 1

- more nature trails
- more activities and places for teens andkids
- more activities in general

Question 2

the nature and tridge

Question 3

not many things for teenagers to do in town

Question 4

more things for people to do of all ages

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 4:00 PM

Question 1

- Fixing the sewer system so people's homes are not destroyed in floods.
- Planning for future floods.
- Opening the library or giving a property tax credit for residents not being able to use it for a year. Curbside pickup does NOT count.

Question 2

This is my hometown. It is a small town with many amenities and a long history for those of us who are original residents.

Question 3

The sewer systems need fixed.

Question 4

Midland seems to want to change and grow too much. Focus on the problems with the sewer system instead of the road diet and how to attract more people to downtown. Do something for the tax paying residents, not the visitors. Stop putting out surveys about racism and about downtown and fix the things that are necessary to the health and safety of the homeowners. Hundreds of homes were damaged or destroyed due to the sewers. How many homes will be damaged if downtown is not "vital" or if there is not a walking path on Buttles?

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 4:03 PM

Question 1

- Keep improving the downtown area. It is getting better, still needs more businesses
- Keep working on parks and Rec. Maybe build another disc golf course, maybe I. Another part of town.
- Help with bike trail to Vay City and Saginaw.

Question 2

Love how safe we feel and are able to walk or ride our bikes almost

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everywhere.

Question 3

Affordable housing

Question 4

Keep the many opportunities coming for all.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 10, 2021, 4:14 PM

Question 1

- Go back to two-way traffic on Rodd St. & Ashman St.
- Fine people who throw trash on the outlawn before the time for their pick up. Fine people who don't mow their lawns AND those with junk in front and back yards.
- Put the River Days guy (Jeff) who brands the slab wood back on his original site. Not everyone can walk the Tridge to the other side!

Question 2

The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.

Question 3

Lower taxes and lower water /sewer bills.

Question 4

Pretty good the way it is. More side streets should be repaved. Not just streets on the route to Dow Chemical.

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 4:24 PM

Question 1

- Fix sewer pumps to eliminate pump shut-offs that cause sewer back-ups during heavy rains.
- Reduce or eliminate city taxes for households affected by sewer back-ups caused by pump shut-offs.
- Pay for home restoration due to sewer back-up caused by pump shut-offs.

Question 2

There is a lot of green space and recreational opportunities,

Question 3

There must be a solution for protecting homes from sewer back-up during heavy rains. Turning off pumps is not acceptable.

Question 4

Maintain current green space and recreational opportunities. Create green space between and around future businesses.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 10, 2021, 4:31 PM

Question 1

- Increase bike friendly streets
- Attract more businesses to the downtown and Saginaw Corridor
- Be sure zoning allows for the modern day mix of retail, restaurants, bars and residential

Question 2

Small size, responsive city staff, walkability

Question 3

Toxicity of social media haters clouding communications

Question 4

A growing city welcoming to those of all interests and ages, a place that is vibrant from 6 am to 12 am.

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 4:35 PM

Question 1

- Reopening buttlles

Question 2

Free parking downtown

Question 3

No response

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Question 4

No response

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 10, 2021, 4:40 PM

Question 1

- Get the side streets fixed. They are neglected when compared to the main streets. Don't do the US 10 lane reduction
- Reduce the number of neighborhood small parks and focus on the larger parks such as Stratford. Clean the lake up. Add more pavillions and playground equip.
- Stop doing downtown and mall area. Focus on Bay City Road. Great place for new restaurants.

Question 2

The schools

Question 3

Aging population and affordable housing. The aging population is increasing but will eventually go away but there will be no one left. Nothing to keep the younger people here. Housing is too expensive for a normal family.

Question 4

Midland needs to bring in more jobs that are not related to Dow/Dupont. Houses and condos that are affordable for normal families. More activities for 30-60 year olds. More activities for teens to do. Make Midland feel like a safe city again.

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 4:41 PM

Question 1

- Crime
- Roads infrastructure
- Parks

Question 2

Safe downtown

Question 3

Crime

Question 4

A city that's that works and improves

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 4:53 PM

Question 1

- Sewers-update and mire than adequate new constructio
- City park update and new construction
- Stop Butles Street discussion

Question 2

Parks and recreation

Question 3

Sewer backup

Question 4

Clean up low housing areas

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 5:08 PM

Question 1

- Improvement in sewer and storm water service for residential customers
- Continue to encourage new businesses and support existing businesses through programs, policies that encourage small and large business development
- Support maintenance of the programs, services we love — . The Library, great garbage and heavy item service, great parks, trails, Dow Gardens, Whiting Forest, .

Question 2

The Library

Question 3

Water / sewer problems

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Question 4

Continue with that 'small town ' feeling of 'neighborliness' and convenience while managing and supporting new development. Bring sewer system up to the good to excellent level of other city services.

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 5:10 PM

Question 1

- Housing needs
- Roads and transportation
- Community programs

Question 2

The parks and trail system

Question 3

Resistance to change. People are too set in their ways. Listen to everyone but then move forward. Stop spending so much time listening to people that do nothing but whine and complain.

Question 4

Midland needs to be a city that everyone can afford to live in, and feel welcome in. It needs to consider everyone but act in the best interests of all, not just the loud voices. If we ignore our businesses and do not help them, the City will die. Everyone needs to work together and support, not complain about and tear down, decisions once they are made.

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 5:16 PM

Question 1

- Improving city street condition including prioritizing which streets need repair/improvements. This should be based on current condition of the road.
- Keep politics out of running the day to day business of the city.
- Educate the snow removal crews on being courteous to home owners and their driveways.

Question 2

The value of my home continues to increase every year. Also, an excellent and professional police force who work hard to control the little talked about drug problem in this city.

Question 3

The current direction our country is going toward, socialism, will devastate the economy of our great nation and ultimately destroy our local economy. What will happen to our schools, our roads, our opportunities and our way of life. What steps will Midland take to safeguard our future?

Question 4

Diversify our economy. We can't continue to rely on Dow dollars as our main source of capital.

Name not shown

outside City Boundary

March 10, 2021, 5:24 PM

Question 1

- Keeping residential residential - don't let business invade these spaces.
- Make sure school buildings are kept up to date
- Keep downtown viable

Question 2

Small so easy to get around to visit and do errands.

Question 3

Sewer system.

Question 4

Keep offering the wonderful city services and consider city wide internet.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 10, 2021, 5:25 PM

Question 1

- Complete, walkable neighborhoods
- Fostering local business and community capital
- Creating variable housing options

Question 2

It's ability to bat above its class when it comes to cultural opportunities

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Question 3

Its auto-centric development patterns everywhere. Cities are first and foremost for for people, not cars. People pay taxes.

Question 4

Midland is a town with localized, complete neighborhoods which offer varied housing types and local businesses in each. All neighborhoods are connected via both auto and pedestrian methods. The community as a whole continues to be welcoming to families but also has more appeal for couples without kids or even singles. Cultural amenities continue to abound and see significant community support. The city's local businesses are fueled by local capital to create overall community wealth building opportunities.

Daryl Poprave

inside City Boundary

March 10, 2021, 5:58 PM

Question 1

- Future Land Use
- Changing zoning characteristics over timeover
- Meeting citizen needs

Question 2

Safety

Question 3

Hazard mitigation

Question 4

Ensuring the long term economic vitality in a safe and clean community.

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 6:08 PM

Question 1

- Spending control
- Beautification
- Drawing new business

Question 2

Security

Question 3

Controlled growth

Question 4

Keeping the small city feel while growing the city.

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 6:56 PM

Question 1

- Pedestrian crossings, especially on Eastman and Saginaw
- Speed limits in business areas
- Flood control

Question 2

Friendly people

Question 3

Pollution of the environment

Question 4

A pedestrian friendly city with lovely parks snd safe recreation activities for all ages.

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 7:15 PM

Question 1

- Public transportation
- Sewer maintenance
- Road maintenance

Question 2

Family atmosphere, strong sense of community

Question 3

Flooding restoration and roads

Question 4

Balancing small town sense of community with opportunities

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Question 1

- Strategic Flood management
- Zoning and codes to encourage investment
- More flexibility to planners

Question 2

The communities sense to care, and the social services we provide .

Question 3

Lack of an aligned vision by city council,

Question 4

A progressive community, open to change and new ideas to improve the quality of life for every one

Modern: relating to the present or recent times as opposed to the remote pas

Explorer: one who explores an unfamiliar area; an adventurer.

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 7:36 PM

Question 1

- Avoiding sprawl (don't let Costco zone get like Joe Mann)
- Revitalize/maximize using The Circle area
- Trees. Our city is beautiful w green space & trees

Question 2

How clean the streets are. I love when the street sweepers make their rounds.

AND

The close nature opportunities

Question 3

Being inclusive, celebrating our diversity, not being too conservative

Question 4

More low income housing & more diversified political leanings.

David Maness

inside City Boundary

March 10, 2021, 7:37 PM

Question 1

- Strong, diverse economy.
- Solid, functioning, reliable, efficient infrastructure.
- Strong, identifiable neighborhoods with an attractive, exciting downtown core.

Question 2

Midland is a well-run city with an engaged citizenry backed by a unique, enviable collection of foundations. Over time, this combination has created amenities that many larger cities can only dream of. We're a small city with big city treasures.

Question 3

Trusting that our many leaders will listen and make decisions that will create a better, stronger, livable City. Some voices will say go east, some go west, some north and some south. Our leaders need to let us know they've heard all the suggestions and that to get to the destination, we need to go northeast. Not all will feel heard, but if they trust our leaders and understand the why, hopefully they'll be supportive of the path selected.

Question 4

Midland is a safe, livable City with excellent schools, state-of-the-art health care, an exciting downtown, robust shopping options, reliable and efficient infrastructure, a plethora of recreational, art and music opportunities and a welcoming environment that recognizes and celebrates its multi-cultural residents.

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 7:55 PM

Question 1

- Pedestrian mall downtown
- Bike paths to connect areas of town
- Outdoor activities for adults

Question 2

No response

Question 3

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Lack of public transportation. Lack of paved paths to get around town on bikes or walking

Question 4

No response

paul ormiston

inside City Boundary

March 10, 2021, 8:07 PM

Question 1

- Traffic control through modern signalization and "traffic calming" engineering.
- Increased youth involvement in decision making process. Developing our youth for future leadership roles, entrepreneurship or otherwise remaining in City.
- Educating ALL segments of community on their "responsibility" to work together on community issues.

Question 2

Excellent City services.

Question 3

Other than what I have previously mentioned, it is difficult to name future issues. I credit the efforts of past and present community leaders, department heads and staff for effectively handling past issues. This belief gives me confidence that whatever issues we face in the future, they will be dealt with effectively.

Question 4

Although I appreciate all that Dow Chemical has contributed to our community which, I am sure, has kept taxes down and services in abundance, I would hope our community could be less dependent. I would hope that we could work toward being a community where a 2nd income was an option rather than a necessity so that our children could be greeted by a parent when coming home from school. Also, remain a community that is welcoming to all peoples. A community that has jobs for our youth while maintaining higher wage jobs for our adults which don't require those adults to hold multiple jobs. A community that doesn't need a pandemic to realize the value of each resident regardless of their current station in life.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 10, 2021, 8:09 PM

Question 1

- Keeping lifelong residence satisfied with living and retiring in Midland
- Give life long residence a little more respect
- Concrete more on the center of town and less in Main Street

Question 2

I was born and raised here. The last 5 years or more I've found Midland to be less and less attractive.

Question 3

City leaders trying to turn Midland in to a city it isn't. I was looking forward to retiring in my home town, now not so much.

Question 4

My vision is a nice small town like I grew up in. A downtown you can shop in, eat at. Instead it's becoming the HGTV vision leaders have now. I worked downtown on Main Street from 1977 to 1987. Downtown had a lot more to offer than what it is now. I was in Big E's Sports Bar a few years back. This topic came up and SelinaTisdale was over heard saying if people like me don't like it we should move. Well I took her advice. I moved OUT of town but still in Midland. I buy all my gas, groceries and other needs in Freeland, Hemlock, Mt Pleasant or Saginaw. I used to spend \$1200-\$1800 a month in Midland above and beyond mortgage and taxes. I'm not the only person that's done the same thing. You don't seem to care.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 10, 2021, 8:15 PM

Question 1

- Use or elimination of empty commercial properties that are creating areas of economic depression
- Road repair
- Redevelopment of City Center area including razing and rebuilding areas on the circle

Question 2

Midland is a relatively safe city in which to live.

Question 3

The core infrastructure is aging and areas like City Center are degrading in the quality and quantity of commercial activities.

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Question 4

Focused redevelopment in areas that need it including the use of eminent domain where needed, to eliminate creeping commercial blight.

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 8:51 PM

Question 1

- Flood Control
- Street Maintenance
- Access to Services and Supplies for the Elderly

Question 2

Greenery and Civic Landscaping

Question 3

Equal Opportunity for All

Question 4

No response

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 9:33 PM

Question 1

- Economic development
- Infrastructure
- Reducing taxes

Question 2

Clean and safe with generous private benefactors that support a high quality of life.

Question 3

Loss of tax base because of high taxes that drive away talent and investment.

Question 4

A community of choice. We are true to our small City roots and not trying to be like other places. Those that work hard can achieve prosperity.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 10, 2021, 9:45 PM

Question 1

- Apply pressure to raze/replace/renovate eyesores like the Midland Resort (former Holiday Inn) on Wackerly in a timely fashion.
- Encourage or facilitate a plan for re-imagining the Midland Mall building and property. (e.g. more restaurants including a seafood fine dining restaurant)
- Add public parking downtown. Improve traffic flow further. Consider, adding right turn lanes on north and southbound Eastman Rd at Saginaw Rd intersection.

Question 2

The Greater Midland Tennis Center

Question 3

Flood prevention: remediation of deficient dams and sewers

Question 4

A growing, diverse, supportive community that balances the needs of families, young people, and the elderly with myriad opportunities for education, employment, and recreation.

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 9:46 PM

Question 1

- Sewer backup
- Building in flood-prone areas and possible removal of existing buildings in these areas
- Schools

Question 2

The library

Question 3

Flooding. It is a fairly flat area but with foresight changes could occur.

Question 4

Continue to be a family-oriented town, embracing necessary changes but resisting undo commercialization.

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Kyle Elliott

inside City Boundary

March 10, 2021, 10:26 PM

Question 1

- Maintaining Community Center at current level of activities or better.
- Flood control.
- Electric grid integrity/security

Question 2

Community Center/Racket Ball Courts and bike trails.

Question 3

I've only lived here 18 months so hard for me to say but infrastructure is usually a good place to focus.

Question 4

No response

Name not available

March 10, 2021, 10:34 PM

Question 1

- Improve Circle Center
- Encourage businesses

Question 2

So many "city-like" opportunities with a small town.

Question 3

Disparity between haves and have nots.

Question 4

No response

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 6:28 AM

Question 1

- Maintaining recreational opportunities for youth

- increase traffic safety through engineering, equipment and enforcement
- making sure infrastructure is secure, in good serviceable condition

Question 2

safety and security on the streets and in the home

Question 3

balancing the budget

Question 4

maintaining same level of services

Scott LaFever

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 7:32 AM

Question 1

- Future flood control measures and adequate storm drainage holding capacity
- Providing regulations/polices that promote growth of local restaurants with access to proper liquor licensees
- Improving the cities public transportation networks to allow individuals to visit downtown, dine, and drink with access to safe transportation

Question 2

Downtown area, rail trail, and overall safety/security of the community.

Question 3

Flood control measures. As businesses and residents expand north of US-10 more storm water is being drained into the sturgeon creek watershed. This watershed has flooded significantly twice in the last 5 years.

Question 4

A sprawling downtown with blocks of locally owned shops and restaurants that are a family friendly atmosphere. More urban development around Costco and the Bay City Rd. area. Increase in traffic reduction measures in the Eastman/Jefferson/Joe Mann Blvd. areas.

Anthony Acosta

outside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 7:34 AM

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Question 1

- Proper zoning - multi family, adu, practical parking requirements for multi-unit dwellings
- Aesthetic requirements, proper urban design - massive parkinglots should not be a focal point on a site
- Crack down on commercial property owners that maintain vacant spaces. Incentivize then to lease or sell. Penalties/fees for extended vacancies

Question 2

Good programming (arts, restaurants, parks, etc) for a small city.

Question 3

Growth potential underutilized. The city/county offers little to no incentives for small business, redevelopment, tax deferral, etc. A city can't grow, or make a huge comeback/impact, without the city's buy-in.

Question 4

A growing city, filled with young professionals, both transplants and homegrown. Great business and restaurant community. But none of this will not be possible unless the city steps up. I grew up in Miami Beach, where vacancy was rampant in the 80s and early 90s. Look at it now. Certain policies were implemented and it took off. I'm open to sharing all the info I know about the transition.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 7:49 AM

Question 1

- Funding for police officers, firefighters, first responders, to keep them safe and have the proper equipment to do their jobs.
- Utilizing the parks for older kids as much as little kids. Keeping the farmers market downtown, but utilize the space better.
- Public transportation stops put in around Midland.

Question 2

It's a city, but feels like a town. People are usually friendly and helpful.

Question 3

Sewer repairs. Especially in the of town that get flooded.

Question 4

As it is now, but better.

Mike Jewell

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 7:57 AM

Question 1

- Lifestyle
- Safety
- Prosperity

Question 2

Family atmosphere

Question 3

Blending old and new, without changing the charm of city

Question 4

Would like to see more suggestions taken from public, such as road diet. Most people did not want and it is still happening.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 7:59 AM

Question 1

- Attracting more privately owned restaurants (non-chain) to Midland
- Add more pedestrian & bike friendly areas in Downtown
- Do something with the empty buildings on Main street that are not adding value

Question 2

Inclusivity, access to things like the Midland center for the arts & Dow gardens, the fact that Midland is a safe town (no concerns walking around at night)

Question 3

Attracting more diversity in businesses. The potential impact of Dow on the housing market and the town overall is terrifying, we need more large businesses to support the city.

Question 4

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Urban, clean, bike-friendly, diverse activities and people, lots of outdoor activities year-round, promotes/supports small family run businesses as well as larger corporations

Name not shown

outside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 8:04 AM

Question 1

- Traffic & parking
- Conservation of green space and historic buildings
- Shops & restaurants

Question 2

Green spaces - trees, parks, Tridge area

Question 3

Desire to grow balanced with managing growth, not encouraging sprawl or too much, mismanaged traffic

Question 4

The same but better ... vibrant downtown that doesn't feel "busy"; peaceful surroundings with beautiful natural environment

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 8:04 AM

Question 1

- Quit trying to shape midland into Ann Arbor
- Lower taxes
- Stop providing low income housing

Question 2

Fireworks, tunes by the tridge, Plymouth pool

Question 3

Stop giving away free tax money to builders of low income housing, battery plants, green Energy, and all of the useless crap

Question 4

Jobs...

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 8:07 AM

Question 1

- SEWERSYSTEM
- SEWERSYSTEM
- SEWERSYSTEM

Question 2

SMALL TOWN WITH BIG TOWN FACILITIES; PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL, GREAT HOSPITAL, CLOSE TO WATER, FISHING

Question 3

SEWER SYSTEM

Question 4

PRIORITY IS TO UPGARDE SEWER SYSTEM

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 8:12 AM

Question 1

- Activities for active seniors
- Eastman corridor traffic north of Saginaw rd
- Downtown access by other than 30somethings!

Question 2

Safety and health care quality

Question 3

Northward growth and accompanying traffic.

Question 4

Continued high quality of health care.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 8:14 AM

Question 1

- Roads

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- Crime
- Drug Treatment Center

Question 2

Not much right now. Nothing is open

Question 3

Roads

Question 4

More transparency to the public.
Raise taxes on Big Business

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 8:20 AM

Question 1

- Reformed zoning code that promotes good urbanism
- Housing
- Better utilization of economic development programs, state funding programs.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Not well leveraging outside resources and relying on local foundation support for growth and local initiatives.

Question 4

No response

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 8:25 AM

Question 1

- Making as much of the city accessible through bike/walking trails as possible.
- Maintaining a strong environmental footprint through parks, forests, trails, and green space

- Creating space for small businesses to flourish and maintaining well-lit safe spaces for residence to enjoy both in day and night.

Question 2

I enjoy the parks and nature available so close to home with well maintained hiking and biking trails.

Question 3

Losing the small-town feel by having too many large streets, buildings and parking lots

Question 4

A community with flourishing small businesses with plenty of green space and places for families to have adventures together on small and large scales.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 8:28 AM

Question 1

- Attracting new businesses
- Making downtown more vibrant
- Traffic

Question 2

The beauty

Question 3

Not enough adult activities to do

Question 4

Vibrant shopping and restaurants. A downtown non-residents travel to.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 8:29 AM

Question 1

- Flooding/sewer
- Financial stability
- Tourism

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Question 2

Walkability/safety

Question 3

Flooding

Question 4

We need to turn the softball fields at Emerson to a mid michigan pickleball competition center!

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 8:46 AM

Question 1

- Drainage issues, residents cannot become more active in their community if they are worried about their housing. This has gone on long enough.
- Library and the Arts--Better access to all. Need a "branch" to our library and Art Cntr, so if the main bldgs has issues, we can still visit another branch.
- To benchmark, but then strive to be BETTER than competition. We have things we cannot control, so let's be BETTER in the things we can control.

Question 2

Community Volunteerism--When I moved here 7 years ago I was so impressed with the level of volunteerism in this community. It is still there, but sadly is not being embraced as much by younger residents as in the past. Many of our long term programs/institutions will wither if the younger community members don't step up to save them. With that, I mean several long standing programs in our elementary schools age residents cannot get enough volunteers. Same could be said for Middle School programs.

Question 3

Perceptions by younger families that this area does not have good opportunities for them. As I stated above, our residents cannot move forward and thrive if they are worried about their home every time it rains. Our library has been shut down two times in the past 4 years. I was very sad that one new resident moved away after just 2 years here (moved here in 2017 and moved away in 2019). They had preschool and elementary aged children and much of their time here the library was closed and Center of the Arts was scaled back, and other long term programs at our elementary schools did not have enough volunteers available to run them. So this new family was not impressed with

opportunities here for their family, so they left their job at Dow Chemical and moved back to where they had come from in Louisiana where they saw more opportunities for their children. The perception of new people to this area is changing, in a not so good way.

Question 4

We cannot change the amount of winter here or the isolation that Michigan sometimes has. But we can provide a lot of good activities and opportunities here for families to thrive and grow. We cannot change the possible flooding risk. But we can mitigate these risks. We need to benchmark with other Michigan communities and then strive to be BETTER, not just "match" the level of services that other Michigan communities provide!

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 8:47 AM

Question 1

- Flooding
- Roads
- Use of land (would like to see more areas that benefit wildlife/pollinators)

Question 2

Safety

Question 3

Flooding

Question 4

Would like to feel more confident that my house won't flood again (flooded in 2017). Also would love to see the downtown landscaping include more native plants.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 8:59 AM

Question 1

- Parking
- Farmers Market extended
- More pet friendly downtown - pet fountains

Question 2

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The flowers

Question 3

Farmers Market

Question 4

More parking, pet and walker friendly, extend downtown more beyond main.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 9:01 AM

Question 1

- More retail-shopping experiences throughout the city. Tax Incentives for small businesses and big box alike to come to Midland
- Incentives for more restaurants, dining, bars to be a place that people want to visit. Tax incentives shouldn't just be for the big corporations
- Promote our beautiful parks with easier ability to do large events to draw people to them.

Question 2

Ease of getting around and safety

Question 3

Boredom due to lack of shopping and dining. It was on the upswing until the mall was sold and Covid hit. Get the mall out of the current ownership or fight to, have him do something to draw business back. It's a shame.

Question 4

A vibrant downtown, mid town, center city and mall area. The old Holiday Inn is torn down and replaced ... maybe even used as the farmers market.

It has good accessibility and parking. The parks remain as beautiful as ever. Young professionals want to come work and play here. Seniors and retirees have many activities to socialize and stay young at heart. Community spirit is alive and well with thriving schools.

Greg Hoffman

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 9:04 AM

Question 1

- Sewer remediation

- Flood control

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 9:08 AM

Question 1

- Eastman corridor traffic at the mall
- Buttles and Indian calming
- sewer system back up

Question 2

Parks and recreation options, downtown.

Question 3

Infrastructure: roads and sewers

Question 4

Increasingly up to date vibe and experience that respects and honors its history

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 9:18 AM

Question 1

- More "mom 'n pop" businesses and restaurants
- Year round farmer's market
- Improving the mall area, it's depressing

Question 2

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I feel safe in this community

Question 3

Making it a place young people want to raise families in and making it "small business friendly" as this is something younger generations find important

Question 4

It continues to be a safe community with increased access for walking/biking paths. The mall and mall area is busy again, it's currently so depressing to walk through and see all the empty stores and to drive near with the massive empty parking lots. The previous Holiday Inn hotel on Wackerl is salvaged and turned into an indoor park for the community, perhaps part of the community center and there is a year round farmers market (the previous Holiday Inn structure?)

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 9:19 AM

Question 1

- So glad to hear that the city is improving the sewer system. Are there other underground areas that need review ie water ??
- Revitalizing Saginaw Road. There are so many empty lots ie where Ford was or where Bamboo Gardens was or Kmart plaza.
- Maintaining and upgrading city parks

Question 2

This may seem trivial but I love all the trees, sidewalks, parks and areas to enjoy the outside but the trees are my favorite. Also I love the safety I feel living in this city. We are a peaceful, caring, faith filled place

Question 3

In these time of upheaval in our country and world, watching out for our neighbors and keeping our Midwestern values

Question 4

Much of the same but better. Keeping the small town or village feel as the city grows. Remembering the history of Midland.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 9:23 AM

Question 1

- Affordable housing for LOW INCOME people, like those coming through Open Door, underemployed, mental health fixed income. Very few real options in city limits.
- Address the constant flooding issues of the Tittabawassee River. Just accepting downtown and areas along the river are going to flood every year is unacceptable
- Pedestrian bridges over the two one ways to access downtown to preserve traffic flow between 10 via bus. 10 and route 20/Isabella Rd.

Question 2

Parks and recreation opportunities, non-profit organizations and their volunteers who love and care for the people of Midland and the town itself.

Question 3

Affordable LOW INCOME, underemployed housing, under \$650/month IN MIDLAND CITY LIMITS for at least a two bedroom unit.

Question 4

A community where traditional values are upheld, families are encouraged and supported and opportunities abound for all people.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 9:30 AM

Question 1

- Affordable housing
- Food security
- Making infrastructure safe

Question 2

Services for children and youth

Question 3

Ensuring inclusive decision-making

Question 4

Small town charm with big cultural opportunities

Kathleen Bader

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inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 9:35 AM

Question 1

- Solve the persistent flooding issue. The city could and & should have done more before, during & after the dam failures and has to fix the sewage backup problem
- Build on the momentum of the Loons & Costco additions & make Midland a magnet for retail, sports & retirees. create a self-sufficient living oasis @ mall area
- In the short term, help our small businesses that have been so hard hit by the pandemic

Question 2

Small town atmosphere with a growing list of amenities.

Question 3

Growth - we need it but need to control it. Can't depend on industry. Need to be the "Sun City" of mid michigan where retirees can have self sufficient community with no need for a car.. There are few such offerings in the US so there is a strategic void we could fill.

Question 4

No response

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 9:37 AM

Question 1

- Establish a permanent farmer's market site with adequate parking.
- Promote our many attractive features including businesses with emphasis on diversity.don not
- Do not forget lower income people/families---sometimes it appears that midland is a bit alletist!

Question 2

Many services including summer flowers along Eastman ave.

Question 3

The flooding ! Also, assuring racial equity/acceptance.

Question 4

A city/community which appeals to a broad range of people with an

added emphasis on young adults.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 9:38 AM

Question 1

- Infrastructure
- Library
- Parks

Question 2

The services! The library and parks are excellent here. In addition, the snowplows. We don't think much about them until Dec-January but if you compare Midland to other cities, you begin to really appreciate how much the city plows.

Question 3

Infrastructure. Water main breaks, flooding, sewer issues and roads are all contributing to problems the city is facing.

Question 4

I liked the mission statement of making Midland a great place to live, work, and play. This is how I want Midland to be!

Ann Beck

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 9:46 AM

Question 1

- Downtown and Midtown areas and keeping them vibrant.
- Center City and keeping that area vibrant.
- The Mall area and keeping it accessible.

Question 2

Recreation opportunities, especially for families with children.

Question 3

Keeping our young adults living here and attracting the younger adult to live here.

Question 4

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I would love to see the emphasis on parks and recreation continue. I would love to continue to see Downtown flourish and hope that we could bring some of that vibrancy to the Center City area. I am hopeful that the Midland Mall will have a renaissance.

Edwin Foote

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 9:53 AM

Question 1

- Midland - Continue to focus on beautification - like our downtown and flowers in summer like on Eastman road and the circle, a pleasure when we have guests
- Midland- We need better traffic management and we need to get trucks out of downtown, there needs to be a truck bypass - not thru our city center.
- Midland - We need to accent on separation of storm water and sewage and improve our storm sewer system. - Our back yard floods because the storm is plugged

Question 2

We have a very nice city with a great focus on business, education, parks and activities.

Question 3

We need to be very wary of what faces us from the west, we need to help mitigate anything that might cause another disastrous event of May 2020

Question 4

I would hope that we continue to be a place where more and more people of all ethnic groups wish to come and live here and we make our educational and our environment one that will not only bring success for our businesses and the public. We have lived here more than 50 years, much has progressed, we would hope our leaders continue to make Midland a continued city of progress.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 9:54 AM

Question 1

- safety
- Provide family friendly venues
- provide open spaces and parks

Question 2

The people are interconnected and care about each other

Question 3

Economic opportunities with a healthy environment

Question 4

Midland will maintain its community spirit and foster diversity. Midlanders will prioritize a healthy environment. Public safety and strong public schools will be a priority. Taxpayers will support and want to keep our town appealing.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 10:02 AM

Question 1

- Creating a more bike friendly community. Designated bike lanes on streets, specifically Ashman, Rodd and Saginaw.
- Naturalized spaces. Preserve and invest in City Forest/parks/outdoor spaces. Creative thinking and investment in neighborhood parks.
- Fix sewer/drainage issues. Houses routinely experience basement flooding in high rains, yet we are not in a flood plain.

Question 2

Parks, outdoor spaces, walkability and bike ability. Midlands charm is that it's a "small town" vibe with higher end amenities (like the canopy walk, Dow Diamond, the Miracle Field coming soon, etc.). The small town charm comes from a vibrant accessible downtown (can we bike there from our neighborhoods?), beautiful parks and outdoor spaces and places (like the Plymouth Pool) that connect us as a community.

Question 3

As we grow, and we are growing, there needs to be a more concentrated effort on keeping that small town charm. How are parks being incorporated in new neighborhoods? The mall/Meijer area is in need of sidewalks, people from the Village Run apartments often walk there and intersections are not pedestrian friendly and sidewalks are lacking. More designated bike lanes would be helpful in these areas along with on Ashman/Rodd and Saginaw Rd. Continue focusing on areas of the City that would welcome revitalization such as Center City,

Question 4

People can elect to work where they desire in the future. Working from home is the new norm. Therefore people want to live and work in a beautiful place. Beauty comes from the outdoor

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spaces/parks/horticulture/one of a kind amenities. Beauty is being able to connect around your community and find what you need by walking/biking where you want to go. Beauty is having healthy neighborhoods (where sewers work properly), where children can play.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 10:07 AM

Question 1

- Develop a strategy to attract more businesses. We need more employment to attract more families to move here.
- Expand the multi use trail system. It would be nice to be able to get around the city more by bike. Extend the rail trail to Dow Gardens, Loons Stadium, MCC
- Figure out a way to reduce traffic congestion around the Mall area

Question 2

The rail trail and attractions and restaurants you can get to on the trail.

Question 3

The population is aging but there has been a decline in young families. The city has been relying on Dow to bring people in and that hasn't been happening for years now. This has impacted our schools and recreation centers already.

Question 4

A vibrant downtown. A city with many indoor and outdoor activities. A place that attracts events and businesses.

Mary Morrissey

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 10:22 AM

Question 1

- issues regarding flooding in the community spaces and affecting home sites.
- the changes that need to be made to correct problems with backup from drains
- making sure that the right amount of support is provided for businesses to stay in the city

Question 2

I like the parks and open areas. I also love the library and the Center for the Arts. They provide such good resources for a city of this size.

Question 3

City sewer/drain system repairs or improvements and flooding. The flooding has been affecting more parts of town than it has in the past and this could affect the property values in some of the higher valued neighborhoods. Even without considering the property values, I think people could be less likely to live in Midland if these issues aren't addressed.

Question 4

I would like to see the city remain as open and friendly as it is, with the amenities that make it such a great place to live and to visit. I know many of these amenities are highly supported by the foundations and the people of Midland. Without the multi-generational commitment that Dow generated in this community, this could become a problem.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 10:26 AM

Question 1

- Attraction of business to Center City and Downtown.
- Blight Ordinance
- Mixed used so we can combine residential, retail, restaurants etc.

Question 2

Beautiful streetscapes, Size of the Community, Parks, CaringCommunity.

Question 3

Infrastructure, Development of Saginaw Road, Attraction of Businesses

Question 4

Vibrant place, welcoming to everyone from morning to night

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 10:27 AM

Question 1

- Adding community gardening space
- Increasing maintained walking paths in parks/ nature areas

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- Encouraging businesses to come to Midland through incentive programs

Question 2

I love the Tridge and rail trail! I use it regularly for exercise. I also love the sidewalks and accessibility to about everything by walking (although the sidewalks do hold a lot of water in places and make it difficult to use especially in the spring).

Question 3

I feel like people perceive Midland's future to be too closely tied to Dow and its success. If we could establish thriving businesses of varying sizes through incentive programs we could help citizens feel more confident that the City will remain strong and growing regardless of Dow.

Question 4

I see Midland continuing to be a city full of nature and outdoor activities. I like a balance of small business (I love them Downtown!) and big stores for convenience (mall area). I feel that Center City needs a huge face lift as it looks worn out and it does discourage people from frequenting the stores.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 10:30 AM

Question 1

- Revitalizing Center City/remove blight as possible
- Work with airport to see if flights to other cities are economically viable
- Repave streets that need it and add sidewalks wherever possible

Question 2

There are a lot of fun things to do despite the size of the town. Rail trail is phenomenal, lots of outdoor opportunities as well as an excellent arts scene

Question 3

Population is aging and the possibility that Dow could relocate eventually since people might not want to move here.

Question 4

Adding things that attract and retain young professionals. Making this a great place to be young and single while also being a great family town.

Patrick McElgunn

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 10:39 AM

Question 1

- Interconnectivity of various areas of Midland (I.e. downtown to Midtown to primary landmarks around town...Northwood, high schools, mall, major employers)
- Creating a pedestrian-focused community. Put pedestrians & non-motorized transport 1st, flexible/easily accessible public transport 2nd, & personal vehicles 3rd
- Make zoning/codes more streamlined to be easier for local/small businesses to get creative in serving the community while navigating the new evolving landscape

Question 2

How amazingly friendly and welcoming our community is. How much everyone wants to encourage, lift up, and support each other as well as fellow small businesses. I continue to see this theme echoed from all areas of Midland - from the individual and family to local businesses supporting each other, as well as individuals and departments at the city-level

Question 3

A city that can be traversed from end to end easily, inexpensively, and conveniently regardless of age, transportation of choice, or financial situation. A city that requires a person to "age-in" (like 16 years old when they can finally drive) or forces a person to "age-out" (too old to drive) of freely moving about the city on their terms is not an inclusive city. Or those with disabilities? Or those who cannot afford their own reliable transportation? What about a family that wants to go to the farmers market, restaurant, or local corner store but is forced to pile everyone into a vehicle when it could be more beneficial/fun/etc to ride their bikes, or rent scooters, or simply walk there instead but are inhibited due to heavily traffic roadways which they don't feel comfortable crossing. In short, reducing barriers to traversing our city on a person/family's own terms seems to be the top issue. The positive ripple effects of the benefits that would stem from improving this issue would be significant

Question 4

A city that still favors local neighborhood parks instead of large amusement attractions, that opts for large front yards and smaller backyards so neighbors have plenty of spontaneous interactions with each other. A city that has prioritized non-motorized transportation and adjusted zoning/code laws to help encourage more small/local businesses to open up closer to - and within - neighborhoods to better serve their customers and be closer to them. A city that actively seeks positive change, is willing to embrace the future, and participate in

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shaping it rather than allowing it to happen to them. A city that is on fire for God and seeks to meet the needs of "the least of these". A city that seeks to grow through quality, not quantity of things - focusing on growth with the goal of increased quality of life...not to just bring in or keep the most number of people possible (I.e. growth for growth's sake). A city that challenges that current norms of how a "city should be/act/look life/offer" and ask ourselves if those still hold true or if there are different/better/more creative ways going forward that could better serve our community and set ourselves up to move into the future well as technology, social interaction, and business continues to evolve

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 10:50 AM

Question 1

- Finance
- Leaving the Business US-10 Corridor alone!
- na

Question 2

Funding for the pension for the City of Midland should be the #1 goal. Better yet, get rid of the pensions all together, like most if not all corporations; and fund a 401K at 2-3% matching. This makes the employees more accountable to their future revenue stream. It is my understanding the City of Midland Pensions are underfunded.

Question 3

Flooding is the #1 issue facing Midland in the Sturgeon Creek area, now and in the future.

Question 4

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Name not shown

outside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 10:52 AM

Question 1

- Sustainability, energy conservation, moving towards use of native plants, native grassland where the city now mows large swaths of grass. Greening City Center
- Encouraging businesses that will bring some nightlife to young adults and singles. Midland is well know as a boring place to live if you're not raising a family

- Encourage population diversification. We need more cultural variety.

Question 2

Low crime, safety, good place to raise kids.

Question 3

Infrastructure

Question 4

Keeping our good features while improving our environment and cultural diversity.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 10:59 AM

Question 1

- Rerouting Business US 10
- More bicycle lanes
- Improve sewer and drains

Question 2

It is part of the Great Lakes Bay region. Almost everything can be found in the former Tri-Cities and environs and you don't need to deal with big city traffic and congestion.

Question 3

Now, it appears the road diet is taking up a lot of interest. In the future, dealing with flood waters and improving the condition of the roads is a big need.

There seems to be a big emphasis on "Downtown" at this time but the Midland mall area is ripe for development also.

Question 4

More retail stores are needed both downtown and at mall area. Costco has been a boost, for sure, to this area.

Better and more bicycle lanes would encourage using bikes for more than just recreation. . think commuting when weather allows.

I'd like to see a more mobile population able to get to Midland attractions and shopping and dining via other means than a car..... some form of public transportation other than dial-a ride or other on-demand choices.

Tom Palmer

inside City Boundary

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Question 1

- Pedestrian and bicycle crossing of Indian and Buttles st.
- Recycling

Question 2

low traffic, easy of getting around

Question 3

Coordinating Business interest with citizens interests

Question 4

People working together

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 11:28 AM

Question 1

- Open spaces and activities for all ages and interests
- Safe streets and sidewalks for driving, walking, biking, etc.
- Continuing to look at quality of life issues such as housing, access to WiFi. Etc

Question 2

The lovely town with so many parks and the safety of using them

Question 3

Continuing to pay for all the services we expect.

Question 4

The continuation of a wonderful place for all to live and thrive

John Elsen

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 11:50 AM

Question 1

- Control of water in our streams. Retention parks to help allow water to be retained on surface and a park when the area is dry.

- Fix our antiquated sewer and water system with real long term solutions.
- Fix the roads and not build new ones until the existing roads are in good condition.

Question 2

I like the green areas, parks, gardens, and the nature center.

Question 3

The number one issue for Midland is the control water in our creeks and streams. We have developed many areas without proper consideration of the long term consequences. Our infrastructure is in decline and yet we waste so much money on unneeded and many cases unwanted projects.

Question 4

To keep Midland a safe, healthy and secure. Stop projects like the road diet and circle redevelopment.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 11:54 AM

Question 1

- Less attention on downtown Midland and more given to the rest of the city. The downtown area will never attract people with less parking and constant upheaval.
- Business gravitated to Saginaw and Eastman Ave. Both require more attention to traffic flow and ease of entry and exit.
- Stop jamming Buttles down our throats. Their is no logical reason for lane reductions.

Question 2

The friendliness of people.

Question 3

Developing a new economic industrial base.

Question 4

Economic areas in the city should be brought together under impartial, coherent strategic and tactical planning. Reliance on one central business location will subside and attention will be directed towards a city that functions on all levels.

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Question 1

- Energy availability will become more and more of a problem in the future. Plan for energy neutrality.
- Reserve multiple zoned areas around city for local small neighborhood shops within walking distance.
- Include provisions for walking and biking in all future plans.

Question 2

Parks and recreational facilities.

Question 3

The city has developed in a way that requires an automobile to exist.

Question 4

Rather than having three major business areas, i.e. the mall, downtown and center city, I would like to see small business pockets all around the city within walking distance of most neighborhoods.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 12:16 PM

Question 1

- Creating a workable and obtainable solution to Midland's flooding issue. We have sent enough money on downtown, now its time to think about the whole city
- Infrastructure for the whole city is important. Roads and sewers should be a top priority.
- Economic development of the whole city instead of a singular focus of downtown.

Question 2

Midland has a high quality education system and values education. When we educate and listen to our citizens, we make the right choices. But when we let only a few people make choices for our city, we have trouble. Examples would be; wanting to move the Farmer's Market and the Road Diet. Both bad plans for Midland that have and will yield discontent with our citizens and for our current elected officials.

Question 3

Development of industry. We have been stagnate for decades with Dow and Dow related businesses. We need to diversity our industry which

would in-turn diversity our population.

Question 4

Midland as a multiculturally diverse community that values and celebrates the diversity of its citizens.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 12:48 PM

Question 1

- Attracting new businesses via the creation and implementation of a municipally-backed last-mile fiber-optic ISP
- Attracting remote workers from all industries via the creation and implementation of a municipally-backed last-mile fiber-opticISP
- Expanding the tax base via the creation and implementation of a municipally-backed last-mile fiber-optic ISP

Question 2

The openness with which the city solicits ideas from the local population.

Question 3

Attracting workers. The city and its major businesses continually talk in the media about the difficulty in attracting and retaining talent in the area. Whatever charms the city may possess, it lacks in a significant draw for young, especially single, people who have not lived in a locality with a real winter. By creating a fiber-optic last-mile ISP, the city can position itself as a destination for remote workers from all industries world-wide. The Internet is more and more the predominate communication avenue for people, with each other, with their government and with the businesses they patronize. The County of Midland is looking for solutions to providing more options for people to get broadband access to the Internet affordably and the City should take the issue seriously as well.

Question 4

Midland should be truly the "City of Modern Explorers". This can be accomplished by building a municipally-backed last-mile fiber-optic ISP. Multiple cities across the United States have taken this necessary step to ensure their populations have access to the internet resources vital to modern life. More and more, our connection to our local government, neighbors and offices is done via the Internet. Yet the private ISPs who are entrenched in the area are not keeping up with the infrastructure improvements and maintenance necessary for the city to thrive. Copper wires are 1990s technology and the insistence of our incumbent ISPs on this antiquated technology is a major impediment to the city growing. By delivering gigabit speeds to homes and businesses and hundreds of megabit WiFi blankets over events and communal areas, Midland can

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become a beacon of prosperity and forward-thinking. Other cities which have taken this step have seen tremendous growth in their tax base as well as the general happiness of their populations. As the city recovers from the pandemic, it should look toward taking advantage of the remote work opportunities lingering as the response to the pandemic has re-shaped how work gets done. Midland can position itself as a destination for remote workers by investing in infrastructure not facades.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 12:56 PM

Question 1

- Have more restaurants such as chipotle, Ihop
- Have a bestbuy.
- Widen the road on Eastman to west wackerly to eliminate congestion

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Does not offer a lot in the way for people in the way for people in there twenties thru forties. Not too much to do. Catering to Dow. Too many high cost rentals. Pushes middle income family's out. Or people making 40 to 50,000 out. Property taxes extremely high for what you get

Question 4

Possibly more people moving out where there is more opportunity

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 1:05 PM

Question 1

- Making Midland more pedestrian friendly
- Encouraging more business in the city
- Encouraging more entertainment in the city

Question 2

The people are so friendly and caring.

Question 3

Longevity of the community.

Question 4

I would love to see Midland more pedestrian and bike friendly with more connection between businesses. I would like to see more interconnectivity between different parts of town. More entertainment options would be great as well.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 1:10 PM

Question 1

- Limiting taxes
- Improve drainage/sewer backup issues
- Improve traffic flow around Eastman

Question 2

Ease of getting around town.

Question 3

Wasting precious resources on things that don't matter, like downtown parking, while important things like drainage are neglected.

Question 4

A small town feel with many different options for housing and shopping.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 1:15 PM

Question 1

- Downtown Development
- Center City Development
- Consolidation of Parks (quality over quantity)

Question 2

Downtown. My hope is that we don't put in another theater in the old United Way building, this would be repetitive of the City for The Arts right down the road. Instead consider something that is active and engaging - Punch Bowl Social type set up with bowling, games, etc.

Question 3

Modernizing the City and adding accommodations that will attract and

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retain residents.

Question 4

Small modern city, safe, great place to raise a family, amenities that are unmatched in other like-size towns.

Name not shown

outside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 1:32 PM

Question 1

- Business development
- Liveability
- Parks and recreation

Question 2

Safety and family friendliness

Question 3

Flood management

Question 4

A clean and friendly city. Place for families to recreate and go to activities and concerts. Arts development. Easy access to restaurants and arts programs in all seasons.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 2:17 PM

Question 1

- Improving citizen trust in Midland elected and employed leadership as many believe leadership doesn't listen to its citizens (i.e. road diet).
- Don't use the process to convince citizens on existing plans and agendas that have already been defined (i.e. city Streetscape).
- The creation of a Midland citizen inclusive relationship that promotes citizen input AND most importantly listens to that input, & actively utilizes that info.

Question 2

The citizens that live here!

Question 3

Continued river and city flooding and associated property damage and loss.

Question 4

Midland that is a safe secure place to place to live, work and play, and has addressed all challenges proactively, not reactively.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 2:44 PM

Question 1

- Remove sanitary sewer connections at homes from the storm sewer system. Homeowners responsible for cost to do so

Question 2

Collaborative spirit in addressing issues/problems

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 2:59 PM

Question 1

- Sewer system failures
- Flood water management
- Infrastructure such as roads

Question 2

Used to love our house and property - but two sewer backups and the flood later, we're considering leaving.

Question 3

Aging infrastructure that has not kept up with growth.

Question 4

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Unless Dow & DuPont start bring in more hires, Midland will simply be a pleasant community moldering in mid-Michigan. The MCFTA and Loons organizations are trying to appeal to a regional audience, but they're about it as serious attractions.

Mark Campbell

outside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 3:01 PM

Question 1

- Maximizing the central gathering and play area of the tridge, river, St. Charles parks and downtown
- Leaving 3 lanes open on buisness 10

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 3:13 PM

Question 1

- Affordable Housing
- Another entry/exit near Eastman US-10
- Ways to support Electronic Vehicles (public charging stations)!

Question 2

Access to Arts and Events
Small town with some big services
Downtown/Dow Diamond

Question 3

Employment opportunities other than Dow

Question 4

Managed growth, continued service levels under same or lower budgets and taxes

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 3:19 PM

Question 1

- The Circle area is a hot mess
- I'd like to see the trail area expanded to northern area of the city so kids can ride off of surface streets
- Expanding on the success of updating Main Street to other downtown streets.

Question 2

The openness of Main Street. The new changes are so nice. Expanded outdoor dining would have been much harder for the restaurants down there before the new design was implemented with wider sidewalks and parallel parking.

Question 3

Making other areas of the city as nice as downtown. Keeping housing affordable and attractive for low income people.

Question 4

It would be nice if the circle are could have a different traffic flow that would allow for more walking and biking, and maybe some outdoor pavilion for events in the warmer months. Or a three season pavilion that would extend events into fall andspring.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 3:36 PM

Question 1

- Pedestrian and Bike access
- "Post Dow" planning
- Maintaining a good balance between low taxes and great city services.

Question 2

The people.

Question 3

Longevity of the community if Dow etc leave.

Question 4

More pedestrian and Bike friendly.

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Name not available

March 11, 2021, 3:48 PM

Question 1

- Create a boardwalk along the river from Emerson Park to Dow Diamond
- Modernize Emerson Park and demolish the stadium

Question 2

Midland's plentiful parks

Question 3

Attracting and retaining families in an atmosphere where they can enjoy spending time outdoors together for hours

Question 4

Enhance the downtown, main street experience with an expanded of boardwalk

James Pollack

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 3:51 PM

Question 1

- Road and sewer maintenance
- Maintaining large and small parks
- Maintaining horticultural plantings at city entrances, main streets and downtown

Question 2

Ease and compactness of getting around

Question 3

Replacing old water and sewer lines, rebuilding bumpy streets

Question 4

Keeping city like it is with upgrading old infrastructure

Dave Pasek

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 4:50 PM

Question 1

- Flood & Sewer upgrades to eliminate sewer system design shortfalls & flood mgmt without dams for next 4-6 yrs & with the future dams.
- Top Quality Park & Recreation Space. And More park space in newly developed areas.
- Zoning improvements in 100 yr flood zone and nearby areas. We should not be building in/near 100 yr flood zone areas with all this uncertainty.

Question 2

The bike-ability options here, especially the Rail Trail/Tridge area, and to Nature Center. Great green space and space to exercise and enjoy the outdoors, and see other people.

Question 3

Sewer system backups and shortfalls, and potential to backup with future rains/floods.
Overland Flood risk with no dams.

Question 4

My vision is to have Midland be a place with a thriving downtown bustling with people enjoying the parkland, open space, and business area, that is walkable, bikable, and enjoyable. Midland has an infrastructure for growth, both business and support systems (sewer, water, streets), and amenities that it is the place to be and to live.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 5:02 PM

Question 1

- The number one issue in this town is the flooding and sewer backup issue. Nothing else matters if this continues to happen.

Question 2

I love the small town atmosphere with large town entertainment options.

Question 3

The flooding/sewer problem is the top issue now and will continue to be in the future. How many times can the library and other major buildings in this town continue to flood and need extensive repair before some major action is taken, not to mention people's homes.

Question 4

I see a family oriented community with less emphasis on alcohol

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consumption and more on healthy active pursuits. We could use an outdoor miniature golf area among other things and fewer breweries and wineries. Less emphasis on the downtown area and more on other areas of town. The parking downtown is limited and always will be. More activities in some of the other parks would be nice.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 5:29 PM

Question 1

- 1) Making sure transportation needs are met (Eastman Ave Congestion) Not too heavy an emphasis on nonmotorized trans.-many still use cars and will continue to
- 2) Incorporate more variety in developments around town instead of having big chunks where most everything is the same (more neighborhood commercial for example)
- 3) Encourage redevelopment of older areas of town, not just new development.

Question 2

The downtown is great. I love the bars and restaurants, the street seating, the live music, the festivals. It is a great family oriented community with lots of parks.

Question 3

The top issue is attracting new people to come live here and invest in our community to grow the tax base etc. to meet the financial obligations the city has. Also it is time to move on with this COVID stuff. A very large percentage of the area has already been vaccinated or had the virus. Lets get back to normal.

Question 4

I see Midland continuing to grow (not geographically so much) and be a great place to work/live/raise a family. Midland needs to continue to have lots options for outdoor activities, dining, festivals and parades, and social activities like tunes by the tridge etc. More of that is good!

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 5:48 PM

Question 1

- safety meaning personal safety and roadsafety

- environmentally friendly spaces
- community spirit

Question 2

The community spirit is strong. People look after each other and care about their schools and parks and city.

Question 3

Economic growth is needed, but that must be environmentally healthy

Question 4

The Midland of the future will foster families from diverse backgrounds and economic means. The citizen will care about our city and support the taxes needed.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 6:13 PM

Question 1

- I like the objective of the road diet but need to address the safety concerns of large trucks traveling thru the city
- Create a very business friendly environment throughout Midland...businesses create jobs!
- Connect M-20 to US-10 by connecting Sandow Road to Stark Road which has many benefits including addressing the road diet concerns.

Question 2

I like all the amenities of Midland (Center for the Arts, Rail Trail, Canopy Walk, Downtown, Mall Area). I also like that Midland is a very safe community with minimal crime, particularly violent crime. I also value the good school system in Midland.

Question 3

Midland needs to work with Dow to address the flooding issue...we can't continue to have flood issues. Dow should be able to help with this concern. Make the city as friendly as possible for new businesses and also continue to grow the outdoor activities which people really value. I also believe connecting M-20 to US-10 by connecting Sandow Road to Stark Road would help alleviate the road diet concerns while also opening up the westside of the city for commercial and residential growth. It would also provide a safer and quicker route to Dow High and the mall area. This is part of the master plan and should be prioritized.

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Question 4

Business friendly community which is also environmentally conscience and making an enjoyable experience for the residents of the city.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 6:57 PM

Question 1

- Flooding of all types & all levels
- Updating sewers & culverts
- Traffic mess on Eastman by the mall

Question 2

The public & neighborhood park system. It's a safe community. School system. Social/ cultural events sponsored by the city

Question 3

Flooding & damage control.

Question 4

A community that focuses on making a safe physical environment for its citizens by making tough decisions. Decisions that may not be popular with the majority not affected by catastrophic loss but nevertheless needed. The dam breaking & resulting devastating flood could have been completely avoided.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 7:07 PM

Question 1

- City flooding
- Adjusting the value of housing of those affected by the flood
- Make modifications to pump stations ; that they continue to operate during a flood

Question 2

The old/ small town feeling.

Question 3

Sewer backups.

Question 4

Stop trying to make the Downtown area a booze lovers paradise.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 7:36 PM

Question 1

- Development of downtown regarding ALL agegroups
- Highlight nature fitness activities
- Ensure city does more to avoid flooding

Question 2

Smaller town feel
Access to nature
Great school system with conservative views

Question 3

Reputation for flooding

Question 4

Would like to see outdoor fitness stations
Excercise tai chi in nature.putt putt golf etc
Make parking downtown senior friendly.Paralell parking is horrible for seniors with mobility(e.g neck) problems

Name not shown

outside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 7:47 PM

Question 1

- Sewer upgrade
- Roads
- Managing drug addiction in community

Question 2

Large city with small town feel.

Question 3

Sewage system is in need of major upgrade to alleviate flooding and sewer backups in homes.

Question 4

No response

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March 11, 2021, 9:12 PM

Question 1

- Affordable Quality Rentals
- Creating more businesses along the rail trail. It would be nice to walk along to various shops, restaurant/bars, and businesses.
- Funding better animal control services or humane society

Question 2

I appreciate the increase in events such as the downtown being closed during summer. The beer garden is also a great place that attracts millennials like myself. I'd love to see more.

Question 3

Improving diversity throughout midland and implementing diversity and inclusion in MPS. Side note: against the road diet.

Question 4

That midland is a city that welcomes and values a diverse population. Creating more places for individuals to gather and enjoy the company of our community members. The farmers market is amazing and I've loved how much it's grown. I think the space it used to take place at should be repurposed as it's grown to large to function well there.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 9:45 PM

Question 1

- Continue the lane reductions around downtown. It's obvious that three high speed lanes bisect downtown from the rest of the city.
- Convert Ashman and Rodd to two way streets and stop giving out tickets to people who park on the street overnight.
- Continue Midland being a low-crime city and work to combat the minor crime like the garage/car break-ins.

Question 2

I love that Midland is so green and there is great outdoor space everywhere - pocket parks, the tridge, the rail trail, Chippewa Nature Center, etc...

Question 3

Improvement of the Center City side of town and help diversify the business community.

Question 4

My vision of Midland is to keep it similar to it is now, prosperous, reliably steady economy, clean, and with a low crime rate. I wish there were more affordable housing options and am continually disappointed when a new article comes out saying a new 'affordable housing subdivision' is going in for young professionals starting in the \$280,000's. That's laughable for it being affordable for non-Dow young professionals.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 10:03 PM

Question 1

- Sustainability
- Health
- Aesthetics

Question 2

Its peacefulness

Question 3

All the big stores are closing

Question 4

No response

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 10:19 PM

Question 1

- Attracting diverse businesses to the city
- Infrastructure maintenance and replacement
- Green spaces

Question 2

Safety

Question 3

Dependence upon corporate Dow/Dupont/chemical industries for jobs.

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Need diversity of employers.

Question 4

A community that attracts young talent and then offers a quality of life that continues to sustain their interest in staying here.

Randall Hayes

inside City Boundary

March 11, 2021, 11:59 PM

Question 1

- A livable environment (e.g., street cleaning, garbage pickup, noise abatement, parks)
- Recreation and city amenities
- Accessibility for the physically challenged, diversity, and tolerance for cultural differences

Question 2

The town provides a clean and safe place to raise kids and offers a wide set of athletic and intellectual opportunities for both adults and children.

Question 3

Maintaining civic pride (e.g., willingness to support environmental and cultural initiatives, supporting excellent schools, supporting beautification efforts)

Question 4

A city with a healthy environment for raising kids and facilitating intellectual and physical development.

Name not available

March 12, 2021, 8:13 AM

Question 1

- Flood management : whether that is through creating intentional draining basins, wetlands, etc to manage large rain events
- Preserving and building natural areas and trails (downtown area, rail trail)
- Farmers Market - current venue is too small. The old 4D area would be awesome with a dedicated walking bridge from east end

Question 2

The downtown area, rail trail, Dow Gardens, Library, MCFA

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 12, 2021, 9:24 AM

Question 1

- Improve / maintain critical infrastructure: sewers, water mains, roads, flood control
- Continue to improve the livability of Midland, especially towards energy efficiency (biking and walking, EV charging stations, electric Dial-a-Ride buses)
- Recruitment of new businesses that align with future trends (e.g. information technology, research and development)

Question 2

The balance between big city amenities and small city feel.

Question 3

The need for a plan for a sustainable future that recognizes the pending economic, environmental and demographic changes that Michigan and the nation faces.

Question 4

Midland is a nationally recognized place to live (and to move to) because of well-paying jobs, great schools, wonderful amenities and most of all, a strong community.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 12, 2021, 9:32 AM

Question 1

- more zoning for multifamily housing (e.g. apartments and townhouses)
- more multi-use/mixed zoning (i.e light commercial and residential in shared spaces)

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- fix the sewer system

Question 2

It's a safe, clean, mostly friendly place to raise a family with amenities of a town 2-3 times it's size.

Question 3

Commercial districts are too consolidated. Not everything needs to be built by the mall. Incentivize backfilling existing commercial areas that are underutilized.

Question 4

I wish the neighborhoods were not all just 100% residential. It would be great if there were more little pockets of stores/restaurants scattered throughout the town.

Name not available

March 12, 2021, 10:05 AM

Question 1

- Future Land Use
- Development opportunities for the City
- Connectivity via non vehicular transportation

Question 2

The small town feel with the larger scale opportunities

Question 3

Loss of population, shifts out of Michigan

Question 4

No response

Name not available

March 12, 2021, 2:50 PM

Question 1

- City Sewer System adequacy and upgrades
- City Water System adequacy and upgrades
- City solid waste disposal and management

Question 2

Quality of life is good. Traffic is light compared to lots of other medium sized cities and we seem to have quality people.

Question 3

Keeping the City as a pleasant place to live with high-quality city services provided at reasonable cost.

Question 4

Maintain and enhance the City of Midland as a high-quality community of friendly, well-behaved people who receive superior municipal services at reasonable cost, providing good value and quality of life for its citizens.

Name not available

March 12, 2021, 5:12 PM

Question 1

- parking and walking accommodations for the disabled and/or elderly so they can participate fully in activities downtown
- transparency
- education opportunities/volunteer opportunities

Question 2

parks, streetscape, non-chain restaurants, good education, library

Question 3

flood control and sewage backup issues

Question 4

friendly for all ages

Name not available

March 12, 2021, 5:17 PM

Question 1

- Livability/ quality of life
- Entertainment
- Housinh

Question 2

It's a pretty town, small enough that I can go anywhere without my vehicle

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if I want to. Very safe community

Question 3

Lack of financial diversity. We make it difficult to be low income here.

Question 4

Inclusive, with bold and exciting events and community entertainment.

Name not available

March 12, 2021, 5:31 PM

Question 1

- Making the city more accessible to non-car traffic. Including walking, running, bicycles and motorcycles.
- Improving parks in the denser populated portions of the city
- Encouraging non-chain businesses to move to the city and stay

Question 2

The large amount of outdoor attractions for a city of this size

Question 3

Finding ways to improve what we have and not being bogged down by unproductive criticism. Examples include a better option for the farmers market and restructuring roads (butles going to two lanes vs three)

Question 4

A prosperous city for residents of all income levels, that is a pioneer in taking care of it's infrastructure, public spaces, environment and citizens health.

Name not available

March 13, 2021, 9:52 AM

Question 1

- Emergency preparation
- Educational needs of our children
- Job diversity

Question 2

Safety in living here

Question 3

Employment opportunities need to be more diversified. We are too dependent on Dow Chemical and while they are very good to our community, some diversity would help during their business cycle.

Question 4

I would like for the community to continue supporting each other. Hope that expansion of activities that draw all residents together will continue. Would also hope that more areas for environmental support would grow. While recycling is great, areas for charging electric cars need to be put in and other possibilities researched and implemented.

Name not available

March 13, 2021, 9:58 AM

Question 1

- Convenient Parking for Seniors in Downtown Midland. Current parking situation keeps Seniors from Downtown Area.
- Keeping and Building Small Businesses Operating in the Area.
- Traffic and ACCIDENTS on Eastman between Saginaw and Slyvan

Question 2

Family oriented community.

Question 3

Not enough diversity between social classes, ages and race on Councils and Boards making decisions affecting all members of the community.

Question 4

Focus on building small businesses in the area while fostering major leading businesses. The business direction must integrate the people in the community's diversity.

Name not available

March 13, 2021, 11:48 AM

Question 1

- Dispensary
- Less churches
- More companies besides dow

Question 2

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How we ignore the meth problem

Question 3

Conservative political views

Question 4

Marijuana growing, no dow chemical and not a church to be seen.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 13, 2021, 12:14 PM

Question 1

- feeling safety and a sense of security and well being
- Clean / maintained parks and outdoor areas, removal of blight and cleaning up of litter
- Stop issuing building permits north and encourage rehabbing the s. saginaw rd section of the city. we don't need more dollar generals. we need original shops.

Question 2

It has been a decent place to work and raise a family, but I do not see myself staying here after retiring.

Question 3

The large increase in the mental health and drug related issues of current residents and new residents moving into the city. The schools, medical facilities, and public service can't fix all these problems and are having a hard time keeping a handle on it.

Question 4

We need a more balanced foot print spreading activity centers and businesses throughout and that should also help balance the housing to make that more equal.

Midland needs to attract kind, positive, hardworking people that will be good community members, not people that will drain our resources and offer nothing in return.

Name not available

March 13, 2021, 2:36 PM

Question 1

- New restaurants/bars
- Sustainability

Question 2

Variety of activities/services

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Name not available

March 13, 2021, 7:39 PM

Question 1

- Mall area/Department store
- Not to focus downtown area just to younger age group
- Flooding problems

Question 2

Medium sized town feel with outdoor activities and art and culture

Question 3

Flooding

Question 4

Develop Midland mall.Perhaps upscale discount store such as Nordstrom Rack
Solid home values without threat of flood
Safe with good conservative values
Downtown area to include more for seniors

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 13, 2021, 9:30 PM

Question 1

- Providing an alternate route around Midland for some M20 pass-through traffic by working with MDOT and MATS.

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- Expand public utilization of the riverfront e.g. an amphitheater near the bridge, a paved trail along Tittabawassee River Road etc.
- Providing environments that are both functional and enjoyable

Question 2

A medium sized town that provides inside and outside racquet/paddle sports, outdoor live music, and professional baseball.

Question 3

Greatly reducing the potential for damage from sanitary sewer and storm water overflows.

Question 4

A town that is well maintained, enjoyable and provides the needs/desires of its residents.

Name not available

March 14, 2021, 8:15 AM

Question 1

- Affordable housing
- Making the city more walkable especially to businesses
- Get critical infrastructure out of the flood plain

Question 2

All the parks. Requiring neighborhood parks again for developers would be a good idea.

Question 3

Lack of decent affordable housing

Question 4

A place where people could walk to restaurants, coffee shops, pick up a few groceries.

Name not available

March 14, 2021, 9:24 AM

Question 1

- The ridiculous amount of drug use!
- Making midland more affordable.

- More fun activities

Question 2

No response

Question 3

The cost of living.

Question 4

More affordable housing and less drugs.

Gail Hoffman

inside City Boundary

March 14, 2021, 2:53 PM

Question 1

- 1. Education
- 2. Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- 3. Public health and safety

Question 2

Strong community connections and resulting collaboration where all can thrive

Question 3

Working together for the benefit of all its citizens

Question 4

My vision is that Midland would become a City of Peace, officially defined by International Cities of Peace as a community that endeavors to make progress against violence and foster a culture of peace. A Culture of Peace is determined by the citizens of each community.

Gary Buske

inside City Boundary

March 14, 2021, 7:00 PM

Question 1

- The city's primary focus should be on providing the best infrastructure we can afford. This means sewers, streets, clean water, recycling and trash removal, etc

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- Safety infrastructure like police & fire protection, health care and housing
- Recreational, educational, and entertainment opportunities

Question 2

Safe and peaceful neighborhoods

Question 3

Its poor infrastructure

Question 4

Our city has clean water (drinking and river), superior sewer systems, recycling and trash removal, safe neighborhoods, adequate food and housing and health care for all residents, great recreational facilities and entertainment opportunities, clean well repaired streets, and no unemployment.

Jenni Bush

outside City Boundary

March 14, 2021, 7:56 PM

Question 1

- Building of people-focused communities
- Improved accessibility for pedestrians & cyclists
- Future-facing amenities and infrastructure

Question 2

It's people. Midland is a wonderful community with caring, intelligent citizens. The master plan should focus on building up community assets & infrastructure that best supports our future-facing needs. People-centered planning.

Question 3

Lack of pro-activeness coupled with hesitancy and unwillingness to lead. We have multiple committees and organizations that discuss how to attract and keep businesses, talent in the area, yet we fail to take a proactive approach toward building a community that will entice people to stay. We need the City to take a look at the communities really thriving (both USA and international) and work to implement a strategy that will help ensure Midland's survival.

Question 4

- A thriving business community that caters toward start-ups, entrepreneurs and unique offerings;

- Less catering to vehicle traffic and increase focus on pedestrian accessibility;
- Increased protected bike lanes on all city streets, especially the main corridors;
- Public areas where citizens gather, can shop, dine, explore in a safe environment;
- Sustainable, environmentally conscience

I'd strongly encourage Midland's team to take a look at the cities that are already designed people-oriented communities as they start to build/plan for the future. Barcelona might be the best example of forward-facing, community/people centered planning. Mixed-use development, a variety of public spaces, and improved pedestrian-focused connectivity work together to create a vibrant city.

Name not available

March 15, 2021, 10:27 AM

Question 1

- repair rds and schools
- Get sports championships and tournaments here like little league baseball, softball and womens softball as well as mens and hockey and soccer. we have the space.
- build an art museum and have more broadway type shows at center for the arts

Question 2

nice place to raise kids and grand kids

Question 3

pollution

Question 4

clean river more sports and arts and some high end stores so people don't have to drive to the mall on beaver rd by detroit

Name not available

March 15, 2021, 10:39 AM

Question 1

- Smart development and transition out of low lying flood prone areas
- Creating a way to encourage regional commercial development - draw in people from surrounding area outside Midland to visit
- Encourage a new re-development of mall and mall area

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Question 2

Parks and nice green spaces

Question 3

The dying mall area. Downtown area needs more of a spark for reasons to visit other than just a new restaurant or two.

Question 4

Low barriers for local/small business to make unique experiences in Midland.

Name not available

March 15, 2021, 10:41 AM

Question 1

- Fire Department' low staffing level
- Making the fire department an ALS provider for the city
- Take care of the fire personnel

Question 2

The fact that we have a great fire depu

Question 3

The way the city treats the fire department

Question 4

The fire department goes ALS and continues to provide great care for the citizens

Name not available

March 15, 2021, 10:46 AM

Question 1

- Technology - A lot of cities are becomingsmart
- More downtown restaurants and entertainment
- Curb appeal, like the Ann Arbor lights strung across the street

Question 2

It's safe.

Question 3

Hopefully the economy can pick back up after the pandemic.

Question 4

Continuing to be innovative and competing with larger cities for new state of the art technology available.

Name not available

March 15, 2021, 10:47 AM

Question 1

- Adding more restaurants
- Continue the development of downtown area

Question 2

Police Department, Fire Department, and the City employees. Safe and Great place to work and live!

Question 3

Possible flooding, or water back up from heavy rain.

Question 4

Vision is to be somewhere people want to come visit for the great downtown, great dining, and entertainment.

Name not available

March 15, 2021, 12:41 PM

Question 1

- Safety
- Flooding
- Allow businesses to open for tax revenue(dispensaries)

Question 2

It's a safe community to raise a family.

Question 3

Safety is something to never let your guard down on. The political climate is saying to defund police and other areas have cut their fire departments. Both of ours do a great job with current levels, but beware the city is growing. Dow has cut its emergency services tremendously over the past few years.

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Question 4

Remain a safe community. Allow businesses to be open with minimal restraints. Why not allow dispensaries that would bring additional tax revenue? We're going to fall behind if we don't think progressively. Also, bend over backwards for Dow. They are the hand that feeds us. Don't try to strong arm them.

Name not available

March 15, 2021, 1:49 PM

Question 1

- Sustainability, using existing properties and buildings more effectively (the mall, old Holiday Inn, forexample)
- Biking and Running paths and open sidewalks throughout the city (beyond the rail trail)
- Downtown food/entertainment/shopping. No more full-block banks and infilled office complexes. Farmer'sMarket

Question 2

Rail Trail

Question 3

Reliance on Dow as the main employer.

Question 4

A fully sustainable environment, with a lot more diversity (people and restaurants and entertainment). Would be nice to attract additional businesses to the area, beyond Dow/Dupont/Corteva. Continue to build on the wonderful things that exist in Midland, like the rail trail, center for the arts, library, Would also be nice to enforce traffic laws and car/motor cycle/truck noise on Eastman Road, for example. Would be great to have even more running and biking accessibility throughout the region. Finally, must do something about flood damage and issues that may continue to rise with climate changes. Finally, lets not destroy any current natural areas (like around the hospital) to build more structures. Use the in-occupied spaces, and unsightly structures (old Chemical Bank HQ, Mall, Old Holiday Inn) to rebuild more desirable spots.

Name not available

March 15, 2021, 1:56 PM

Question 1

- Development of mid-range housing. Lots of high end development and attention to low income. Mid-range is lost in the process.

- If you're not from here, you have no idea where our great downtown is. Development at borders to define and draw people in is needed.
- Development and upgrade of Center City.

Question 2

Parks & green spaces.

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 15, 2021, 2:04 PM

Question 1

- Preserving undeveloped parcels in subdivisions
- Reversing the 3 lane to 2 lane road diet plan
- Faster repairs to subdivision road that have not been touched for over 2 decades

Question 2

Low traffic, spacious parks, nice neighborhoods

Question 3

Political bickering

Question 4

No response

Name not available

March 15, 2021, 2:16 PM

Question 1

- Adequate infrastructure, sewer, and storm drain capacity for planned new developments, commercial or residential.
- Preserving and enhancing the atmosphere/amenities inexisting residential neighborhoods, especially with respect to adjacent development.

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- Consider the needs of all residents as new development and amenities are evaluated, not just attracting young professionals.

Question 2

Amenities and activities of a bigger city (e.g., Dow Diamond, Whiting Forest, Center for the Arts, etc.) with the drive-ability, parking, and bike-ability of a small town.

Question 3

Balancing the needs of current residents with the changes and amenities required to attract the next generation of employees and residents.

Question 4

An educated, diverse community where people of many different backgrounds can pursue their variety of interests and activities in a thriving city with a friendly, collaborative, community spirit.

Name not available

March 15, 2021, 2:17 PM

Question 1

- Don't Waste Money on not needed Parks Projects. (Walking Bridge to 4D area, Miracle Field, etc...)
- Do what can be done to make the community open to new businesses.
- Make more activities for younger adults. Most of the items in the city are for Middle age people with young kids or old people.

Question 2

Safe, clean city.

Question 3

Aging population & Aging infrastructure.

Question 4

Fix up the run down areas of town. More hip things for younger adults to do.

Name not available

March 15, 2021, 2:26 PM

Question 1

- Take care of the BMX track. Money was spent to build it, but then only volunteers to take care of it. Once they moved on, it is wasted now.

Question 2

The parks!

Question 3

Something/Somewhere for teens to do/go. They need things like the BMX track, the beach and parks to keep them out of trouble in the summer. It would be good for them, as well as, the community. The things listed are there, just really need to be taken care of and maintained.

Question 4

No response

Name not available

March 15, 2021, 2:41 PM

Question 1

- City residents should not shoulder the tax burden for amenities township residents get to use for free or at a reduced rate.
- Budget, the city has a lot of amenities Could a recreation authority or other funding source be created to help with funding.
- Water - everyone knows the issues with storm water, pipe replacement, etc. It isn't glamorous but it is a problem and it costs a lot.

Question 2

I love how most of the people are friendly. Yes I know there are many who aren't and some people have bad days (or a bad year) but when my family moved here we were greeted by many neighbors. We feel a sense of place and community.

Question 3

Taxes - City residents pay more in taxes than townships. I have lived in Michigan towns where new houses are built in the townships because it is cheaper to live (lower taxes) but township residents enjoy many of the same amenities as the city residents such as parks, libraries, roads, even municipal airports, etc. It is township welfare. City residents will continue to move into townships and enjoy a cheaper rate while the tax burden remains with city residents. What becomes of the city? It becomes filled with more and more rentals. The city needs to start finding ways to charge the township residents their fair share for use of city tax-funded amenities.

Question 4

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I feel that the city of Midland is on the right track for developing walkable shopping districts such as Downtown, Center City, and mid-town. I feel that creating and promoting bikeable/walkable areas is very important. It is nice to make them but there needs to be a way that people can better learn about them. I also like the positive psychology movement and the neighbor movement. In the town where I grew up, the city would give out \$50 grants to neighbors who hosted neighborhood block parties. One person was eligible per block per year. After my family learned those grants were available we hosted 2 block parties and then our neighbors started hosting them. It was a great way to meet neighbors and encourage people to get to know one another. I would love to see something like this happen in Midland. It would also be nice to see the city give our grants to people to do visible work to the exterior of their houses. If you live below a certain income level you could apply to get a beautification grant to make a home improvement. This can be anything from painting your front door to replacing a front porch. I have lived in other Michigan towns that have such grants they also give away free flower to residents to plant in their yards as long as they can be seen from the public sidewalk or street. I think there is a lot of "good" happening in town but it would be nice if that "good" impacted people at their homes where they live. It would be nice for Midland to focus on the individuals.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 15, 2021, 3:16 PM

Question 1

- Effect of taxes on small businesses, it should not just be the large businesses that get tax breaks.
- End township welfare, the current structure encourages people to live outside the city since the townships don't shoulder their share of costs
- Continue expanding and improving cycle access.

Question 2

I have never lived in a city that offers so many services to residents, and we love the green space!

Question 3

Keeping and drawing young families.

Question 4

I would like to see midland lead the way in innovating and truly becoming more reflective of "modern explorers."

Name not available

March 15, 2021, 4:18 PM

Question 1

- Continued support of our "treasures" - Dow Gardens, Whiting Forrest, Downtown Parks, City Parks
- Events that bring people together

Question 2

Great place to raise a family

Question 3

Maintaining strong corporate presence and to support the tax base

Question 4

Family friendly events and activities

Phil Rausch

inside City Boundary

March 15, 2021, 5:08 PM

Question 1

- Recreation
- Attracting individuals and families to move to Midland
- Sustainable infrastructure

Question 2

I love the combination of recreation and social activities for our family to enjoy. This includes parks, city forest, center for the arts, downtown, farmers market, etc.

Question 3

Attraction of young professionals and families desiring a vibrant community to live in with a diverse and inclusive culture.

Question 4

Midland in the next 10 years grows the city boundaries and focuses on attracting additional residents as a desirable community reaching 55-60,000 residents.

Name not shown

March 16, 2021, 7:02 AM

Question 1

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- do not allow the rebuilding of Sanford Dam and let it become a natural river
- improve infrastructure to reduce the risk of flooding
- cannot think of another thing

Question 2

No response

Question 3

reduced house value due to the amount of flooding which has occurred.

Question 4

to live in a house that does not have a risk of flooding

Name not available

March 16, 2021, 7:47 AM

Question 1

- Getting housing and businesses back up and running after the dam failures.
- Resurfacing or replacing many city streets.
- Making Midland more inviting to small businesses (in the mall or out)

Question 2

I feel safe and comfortable.

Question 3

How to finish repairing the damage left from last May's disaster.

Question 4

Seeing businesses succeed and our economy expand.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 16, 2021, 9:14 AM

Question 1

- Sustainability. How do we create systems in the city that value nature, people, and business.
- Public transit
- Equity for all people

Question 2

All the services provided. Midland has good access to many cheap or free services provided by either the local government or local nonprofits.

Question 3

Top thing facing Midland is global warming. The city is doing nothing to address climate change. This is an existential threat to humanity. The city must have a plan to do its part.

Question 4

A city with a robust public transit system and an active plan to address global climate change.

Name not available

March 16, 2021, 9:51 AM

Question 1

- Open spaces; lots of parks with lots of amenities; lots of trees, plantings, and gardens throughout the city, perhaps teaming with other entities.
- Cleanliness and lack of clutter throughout the city; maintaining ordinances against trash in yards and driveways and maintaining well-managed lawns.
- Encouraging, through partnerships, life-long learning, cultural, and physical activity experiences for all ages.

Question 2

Safe, caring community. Clean and attractive. The famous "bubble" environment aura about the place.

Question 3

Nurturing and growing the next generation of generous philanthropic community givers.

Question 4

Maintain the "bubble" with added enhancements and attractions for all ages.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 16, 2021, 11:28 AM

Question 1

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- Alleviating traffic issues in the Eastman/Mall area
- Encouraging development that will make Midland as attractive as possible for new restaurants, stores, and businesses.
- Continuing to make downtown an accessible, vibrant attraction in the city.

Question 2

I love the "big city" amenities we have here, but with the small town feel. We have good schools, a good hospital, and the ability to get dinner and see a show, all right here in town.

Question 3

Aside from our ever-present susceptibility to flooding, I think one of the biggest issues Midland faces is the division between those who want the city to "be the way it used to be (or has always been)" and those who want to continue to develop it to make it attractive to new citizens. I think that those who are unwilling to endure ANY level of inconvenience for the overall betterment of their neighbors hold the city back from evolving and continuing to thrive as times change. However, I also think the "we're moving on, with our without you" attitude often held by those who want to make those changes often widens the divide rather than bridging it.

Question 4

I would love to see Midland as a place that is almost self sufficient. A place where you can live, work, and play without the need to (always) travel to other cities to find the dining, services, and stores that you want and need. I would love to see our downtown continue to grow into a place where everyone wants to be on a summer evening. And, ideally, it would be a community where people say "Interesting...tell me more about how that would work" when they hear a new idea, rather than "Ugh, that sounds inconvenient to me. Noway."

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 16, 2021, 11:56 AM

Question 1

- Diversity of its citizens, recognizing, appreciating and encouraging people to move here.
- Equity of its citizens in fair and equal pay and services provided to them
- Inclusion of its citizens, making everyone, regardless of their background, feel comfortable and included as part of our community

Question 2

Safe Community to Live In. I have lived in Midland my entire life and have always felt very safe in this community.

Question 3

Transparency with its residents when it comes to explaining decisions that are being made. Example, The Buttles Street Road Diet. It appears there are underlying reasons why the shift from 3 lanes to 2. It is a busy street and it doesn't make sense to me to reduce the number of lanes available to handle the traffic. It appears that the majority of our citizens feel the same way and yet it appears that the City is going forward with the decision to reduce the number of lanes.

Question 4

A place where all cultures, religions and people of all races can live peacefully, recognizing and appreciating the diverse nature of our citizens.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 16, 2021, 12:46 PM

Question 1

- Infrastructure: Sewer & Flood mitigation - no Sewer backup into homes
- Work on the rest of the city - not just downtown. Use your influence to develop/reinvigorate areas of blight ('old' Holiday Inn, 'old' Kmart, 'old' Office Max)
- Realize that not everything needs to be beautiful. Listen to the actual citizens - not just 'powerful people'. The City elite basically ignores citizen input.

Question 2

Easy to get around. Great for kids.

Question 3

Sewer & Infrastructure. "Haves" versus everyone else. Wasting money on unneeded new roads, where that money could be spent repairing existing roads.

City Staff & City Council do not listen to the citizens.

Question 4

Continue to be a good place for kids, good schools, sports, music & camps opportunities.

Continue to offer amenities like MCFTA, Dow Gardens & Whiting Forest, Loons, etc. at an affordable price.

This will draw the 'young people' that the City desperately wants to attract. (not the Road Diet, scooters, Main Street closures, etc.) Midland is NOT Ann Arbor or Traverse City

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Stephanie Hoyle

inside City Boundary

March 16, 2021, 5:34 PM

Question 1

- Use more native plants and trees in city landscaping and parks to provide both shade and native species.
- Encourage development of necessities in neighborhoods that don't have much within walking distance.
- Prioritize changes that favor small businesses over large chains or corporations.

Question 2

I love how many different things there are to do in Midland, whether it's bowling, a walk in Dow Gardens, or seeing a movie. I also love how the city makes it a priority to have visually appealing spaces whether it's the flower pots in the circle, murals all over town, or downtown's aesthetic.

Question 3

The top issue I would say is expansion. It's important to keep some wetland, grassland, and forested areas around our city because they provide vital functions to our city and state as flood mitigation, heat sinks, and carbon sequestration. Not to mention the beauty it provides.

Question 4

I see Midland as a city that is both ecologically responsible, safe to walk in/drive in, and embracing of new technologies and ideas.

Name not available

March 16, 2021, 5:34 PM

Question 1

- Finding ways to rehab and increase property values in several of the older neighborhoods surrounding downtown and the SE part of town
- Making the town more friendly to young people and working with developers to find different housing options (i.e, affordable downtown condo)
- Flood control for those areas located in or near the 100 year floodplain, especially given the modeling from the dams do not

Question 2

The accessibility of the various parks/outdoor spaces/golf course/etc. Midland is easy to bike and enjoy the summer season, and these areas are maintained well for citizens.

Question 3

Both are likely tied together, but flood control (and therefore property) is a major issue for the city moving forward. The floods of 2017 and 2020 have left portions of the town without a viable path forward, in my opinion. Homeowners west of the hospital will have a hard time selling homes and these areas are at high risk of future events. This risk is elevated with climate change and the disappearance of the dams which renders river rise modeling inconclusive at this stage. Another flood event like those years would be devastating to the West end of Midland and threaten the property tax base these many homes provide the City.

Question 4

My vision for Midland would be one in which the flood issues have been remedied and the town can implement some forward-thinking plans. Additional development downtown for housing and increased dining/bar options would make this more attractive to the young people this town desperately needs. It would be interesting to see a new sports complex next to Dow Diamond to house a minor league hockey team, for example.

Benjamin VanHolstyn

outside City Boundary

March 16, 2021, 5:39 PM

Question 1

- Stimulate Tourism: As the border town between "Downstate" and "Up North" we should investigate attractions that could bring people to Midland.
- Clean & Uniform: While our "Circle" and Downtown are improving, the empty lots and random design between buildings look somewhat shabby.
- Host Remote Workers: A helpful video from the Wall Street Journal on this concept - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxiGJ7cGku4>

Question 2

Midland is where you come back to see your parents or grandparents. What makes Midland great is its safety and predictability. Everything is always the same and that is nice.

Question 3

We have a couple major employers. What happens if/when those leave town? How can Midland maintain population instead of becoming a ghost town?

Right now your high school and college kids can't wait to get out of here. There is nothing that is interesting enough to keep them here. A big bridge and a minor league baseball team aren't reasons to plan a vacation here.

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Question 4

Right now Midland is an exit sign on US-10 with limited attractions and restaurants. If you're from out of town and you have heard of us, it is because you have heard of Dow. I would love to see Midland embrace the challenge of becoming a more than an industry town and investigate ways to become a destination. We don't have our own lake anymore and we aren't on any of the Great Lakes so we will have to be creative to find a way to get people here. But I think Midland has an opportunity to become more than a quaint town for families.

Name not available

March 16, 2021, 5:52 PM

Question 1

- Improve traffic congestion around Waldo Rd and Bay City Rd.
- No road diet downtown
- Lower taxes

Question 2

The family atmosphere, events for families and Loons games.

Question 3

Traffic congestion on Waldo Rd. and Bay City Rd. Also, a lot of large trucks trying to maneuver around the sharp corners and traffic backed up due to large semis.

Question 4

Less low income housing.

Name not available

March 16, 2021, 5:59 PM

Question 1

- Sewer system
- Parks

Question 2

Trudge, MCFTA

Question 3

Losing tax revenue

Question 4

Great family town.

Name not available

March 16, 2021, 6:05 PM

Question 1

- Ease of access
- Family friendly
- Environmental Friendly

Question 2

The friendly hometown feel. We have a variety of business downtown which seem to be growing.

Question 3

Ease of access through the city. By dropping a lane on Battles it slows down traffic movement and makes tje road busier. It also makes it hard for walkers to cross to get to downtown.

Question 4

A family friendly environment with tons of events all summer long for the family to enjoy.

Name not available

March 16, 2021, 6:06 PM

Question 1

- Roads
- Traffic
- Keeping Buttles 3 lanes

Question 2

3 lane one ways

Question 3

Turning Buttles into 2 lanes

Question 4

Keeping Buttle and Indian 3 lanes

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Name not available

March 16, 2021, 6:42 PM

Question 1

- Diversity
- How to resist saying how high when certain companies say jump.
- How to resist saying how high when the rich white folks of Midland say jump.

Question 2

The Tridge is nice.

Question 3

The "bipartisan" city council who only plan for what the rich people in Midland want.

Question 4

Hopefully Midland will be more diverse somehow I doubt it.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 16, 2021, 6:51 PM

Question 1

- Support/activities for adolescents not just 10 & under crowd
- Get rid of as many one way roads as possible
- Make it SAFE for bicyclist.

Question 2

I enjoy walking or biking around town with my kids.

Question 3

Traffic/poor driving and cheap box stores

Question 4

No response

Name not available

March 16, 2021, 6:56 PM

Question 1

- Sewers
- Jobs
- Vacant buildings

Question 2

Services

Question 3

Infrastructure issues

Question 4

No response

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 16, 2021, 7:18 PM

Question 1

- Preserving the history of our City (mid century modern)
- Expanding our wonderful parks and other natural gems
- An additional day for the farmers market. If you work or go to church on Saturday you currently cannot attend.

Question 2

Our parks and outdoor activities throughout town!

Question 3

The road diet! We should NOT remove a lane in town when we just finished expanding Eastman. Our town is growing and removing the third lane is only going to cause issues in the future!

Question 4

A place that draws in young families offering a wonderful community to raise kids and enjoy the nature throughout beautiful Midland.

Jes Anderson

inside City Boundary

March 16, 2021, 8:48 PM

Question 1

- More parking downtown/another parking structure

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- Large community garden for low income families and after school programs
- Develop the plaza by the old Kmart and restore the area

Question 2

We love the family friendly community and all of the activities available for the kids.

Question 3

Becoming too trafficked and busy on Eastman and Joe Mann, we need to encourage more stores to open on the other side of town.

Question 4

Family friendly community with unique shops and restaurants. Midland should have great shopping availability in both sides of town and not all by the mall.

Name not available

March 16, 2021, 10:44 PM

Question 1

- Diversity/Equity/Inclusion
- Affordable Housing (ALICE)
- Attracting New Businesses/Jobs

Question 2

Value of amenities and abundance of services.

Question 3

The ignorance and/or acceptance of the gaps and divisiveness between privileged and non-privileged people.

Question 4

Lots of :taco:s AND a hub of unique, innovative and diverse businesses, events and resources where anyone can see themselves stopping, staying and being successful.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 17, 2021, 9:06 AM

Question 1

- Retaining small businesses
- Better foot traffic and bike traffic
- Livelier downtown

Question 2

I love the cleanliness and the local businesses are great

Question 3

Dependency on Dow money. We need to be able to attract people to live and stay in the city who don't have a Dow affiliation.

Question 4

A lively robust downtown with lots of things to do within walking distance, while also having smaller town centers that have lively businesses that host events. Also, buy the mall and turn it into a giant, open concept, indoor marketplace. Make it have an appeal similar to Bronners, where people will want to travel to visit for an afternoon.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 17, 2021, 12:05 PM

Question 1

- Create opportunities for greater investment in Downtown, Center City and Midtown.
- Connect Center City, Midtown, Downtown better through non-motorized connectivity
- Investing in infrastructure that allows the City government to be more proactive than reactive

Question 2

It's hard to pick just one. I love having a city park in my backyard and having City Forest. I love the library (especially when it's open). I sincerely appreciate all of our public works amenities like curbside trash pick up and the services that this department offers.

Question 3

It's honestly a blessing that sometimes hurts; with so many incredible collaborative groups in our community and so many incredible leaders, it seems that there are times when we can overthink things instead of being bold and just trying something new. We need to stop trying to make everyone happy and instead, take the next right step one day at a time in order to create a dynamic community of modern explorers where people want to stay and invest their dollars here.

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Question 4

Midland welcomes, embraces, and creates places and environments for community connections for all.

Name not available

March 17, 2021, 1:56 PM

Question 1

- Congestion issues on Eastman near mall
- Road repairs!!
- Use or elimination of empty commercial properties that are creating areas of economic depression (Kmart bldg, old dealership on Saginaw)

Question 2

I love all the trees, sidewalks, parks and areas to enjoy the outside, but the trees are my favorite. I love the green area between Patrick/Lyon one-way.

Question 3

Desire to grow, balanced with managing growth; not encouraging sprawl or too much, mismanaged traffic

Question 4

Midland is a safe, livable City with excellent schools, state-of-the-art health care, an exciting downtown, robust shopping options, reliable and efficient infrastructure, a plethora of recreational, art and music opportunities and a welcoming environment that recognizes and celebrates its multi-cultural residents.

Midland Community Offering affordable lessons (like 6 or 8 weeks, meeting 2x/wk, of gymnastics, ballet, karate, etc for \$20-30) to elementary aged students so they can try different things. [We did this in CT and found my girls loved ballet and went to someone who taught ballet.]

Name not available

March 17, 2021, 2:04 PM

Question 1

- Eliminate parallel parking
- Add heaters/ lanterns to outdoor dining
- Add heated sidewalks.

Question 2

It is well kept, unlike large cities. Little trash, pretty flowers, etc.

Question 3

Too much parallel parking and one ways.

Question 4

No parallel parking, no one ways, heated outdoor seating, heated sidewalks in the winter.

Name not available

March 17, 2021, 2:43 PM

Question 1

- Bigger farmer's market
- More shops and entertainment
- More individual restaurants (not chain)

Question 2

I love that it is a safe community and there are lots of things to do outside

Question 3

Top issue is that even though there are lots of things to do outside, there's not enough things to do inside besides say go to the movies. Trying to attract different businesses would be my top priority or things like festivals.

Question 4

My vision for Midland would be a place that people as young as myself (I'm 20) would like to stay around. I love how nice midland is but there isn't a whole lot of things for people my age to do. Not to mention not a lot of places stay open that late. A few more bars would be nice in time (coronavirus depending) especially since Oscar's just closed and I'm pretty sure Diamond Jim's just closed as well. We have a lot of nice coffee places, now it's time to get some nice bars and other restaurants.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 17, 2021, 3:03 PM

Question 1

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- More restaurant options (mid-higher end, e.g. Salata, Zoe's Kitchen); Though we love family owned places lunches are a real struggle unless its fastfood (yuck).
- Gated parks for young families (Throne is our favorite, but don't feel there are many other options that we are aware of for young kiddos).
- Take an all seasons approach: What can be offered in each season? SPRING, SUMMER, FALL, WINTER activities outdoors.

Question 2

I can't pick one, so top TWO are: SAFETY; and downtown area + small businesses. We lived out of state for six years, and recently returned with youn children and have an IMMENSE appreciation for the safety, small town community feel, in addition to all the locally owned businesses.

Question 3

Nothing is top of mind. I do worry about things like what will happen to the mall - Its a bit of an ending of an era, but not unexpected. I don't want it to become a creepy yucky eye-sore where only a Halloween store moves in once a year or something. What are the plans for buildings like these as brick and mortar or big box stores become less popular? What is the long term plan here?

Question 4

Destination for small business and entrepreneurship. Connected community. Continued safety and focus on growing families.

Name not available

March 18, 2021, 9:16 AM

Question 1

- Schools - what is expected enrollment vs number of facilities and maintenance of those facilities
- New library? Current location has had severe flooding twice causing lots of financial loss. Want to keep this amazing resource but make it sustainable.
- Continue downtown development and improving accessibility

Question 2

It has a small town feel with decent big city amenities.

Question 3

Effective communication and transparency with residents. I think the efforts on social media to show city services are wonderful! They make you feel connected to local government in a small way and remind you of things your city provides. Apply this same principle to "bigger" things like

the road diet plan or general development. It helps bring things to "our level" and more frequent updates and communication might help curb some pushback you get from residents.

Question 4

We chose to move here because Midland combined my husband's small town upbringing with my city upbringing. We can run into our friends and neighbors at the grocery store, on the rain trail, or at a restaurant downtown. We can also enjoy really nice, well-maintained parks, utilize the wonderful library, and attend Broadway tours or the symphony at MCFTA. I love the number of local businesses. My vision would be that all this continues to be true. Midland is already known as a great place to raise a family, but these same things that make it nice for families can also make it nice for single, young adults. Development of a more vibrant downtown, accessible housing nearby, and promotion of city services will help entice younger residents which is what a community needs to be doing to continue growing and thriving.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 18, 2021, 9:42 AM

Question 1

- upgrading safety services, ie, fire and police staffing
- attracting new businesses
- improving traffic flow on the Eastman Road corridor

Question 2

The downtown area with outdoor seating at restaurants

Question 3

geographical growth without the expansion of fire department coverage, some areas take much longer than the recommended national average response time to get to

Question 4

Focus on all the areas of town to improve the looks. Some parts of the residential sections are "trashy". Keep services at the level that the citizens expect. or improve them to that level if need be.

Richard Ferrando

inside City Boundary

March 18, 2021, 9:47 AM

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Question 1

- Deal with the vacant/blight properties. For private properties, marriages can be arranged. New development, will it make people want to live here?
- We want a "Green Community". We want to encourage urban forest situations. Don't cut down existing wooded areas to build buildings and parking lots.
- We need to repurpose existing building sites that have run their course.

Question 2

Greenery, flowers and trees.

Question 3

Remaining unique and an attractive place to live.

Question 4

Keeping it a place where people who don't have to live here, will want to live here.

Robert Moglia

inside City Boundary

March 18, 2021, 10:18 AM

Question 1

- Sustainable infrastructure
- Outdoor recreation
- Affordable housing

Question 2

Big city resources (parks, entertainment) with a small town feel.

Question 3

Flood preparedness and mitigation

Question 4

Thriving community where people feel secure moving into, starting businesses or non profits, and raising families.

Name not available

March 18, 2021, 3:08 PM

Question 1

- Cost effectively meeting the diverse housing needs in our community...from homeless to low/fixed income and those on assistance, senior citizens, etc
- Revitalization of South Saginaw corridor from the circle to Patrick...retail, eating, pedestrians, biking, housing
- Managing increasing traffic on Jefferson north of Wheeler (safety for residents of the area, students crossing for Jefferson/Siebert/Adams)

Question 2

Really good place to raise a family...and a very good 'gateway' to Northern Michigan

Question 3

Living-income jobs for non-college educated residents...attraction and retention of businesses that can help with this.

Question 4

A place where all are welcomed...that all can feel good about calling 'home'

Name not available

March 18, 2021, 3:56 PM

Question 1

- Attracting new businesses via the creation and implementation of a municipally-backed last-mile fiber-optic ISP
- Attracting remote workers from all industries via the creation and implementation of a municipally-backed last-mile fiber-optic ISP
- Expanding the tax base via the creation and implementation of a municipally-backed last-mile fiber-optic ISP

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Attracting workers. The city and its major businesses continually talk in the media about the difficulty in attracting and retaining talent in the area. Whatever charms the city may possess, it lacks in a significant draw for young, especially single, people who have not lived in a locality with a real winter.

Question 4

Midland should be truly the "City of Modern Explorers". This can be accomplished by building a municipally-backed last-mile fiber-optic ISP.

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Multiple cities across the United States have taken this necessary step to ensure their populations have access to the internet resources vital to modern life. More and more, our connection to our local government, neighbors and offices is done via the Internet. Yet the private ISPs who are entrenched in the area are not keeping up with the infrastructure improvements and maintenance. Copper wires are 1990s technology and the insistence of our incumbent ISPs on this antiquated technology is a major impediment to the city growing. By delivering gigabit speeds to the home and hundreds of megabit WiFi blankets over events and communal areas, Midland can become a beacon of prosperity and forward-thinking. Other cities which have taken this step have seen tremendous growth in their tax base as well as the general happiness of their populations. As the city recovers from the pandemic, it should look toward taking advantage of the new-found flexibility of tech and other office workers and become a "small town hub" for innovative growth.

Name not available

March 18, 2021, 6:54 PM

Question 1

- Eliminate one way streets
- Improve walkability
- Beautification

Question 2

Park system

Question 3

Not vibrant

Question 4

Vibrant destination. Leverage the river fronts.

Name not available

March 18, 2021, 8:35 PM

Question 1

- Supporting businesses (both small entrepreneurial businesses and the manufacturing businesses)
- Protecting infrastructure (sewer, utilities, etc.) in the floodplains
- Figuring out what to do with unused space in the Midland Mall (attracting new businesses or finding another use for the space)

Question 2

I really enjoy that it's pretty compact and that the sidewalks, rail trail, etc. make it possible to walk or bike to many places around town. I also really like the library and the Main Street area.

Question 3

No response

Question 4

I would love to see Midland keep doing the things it's doing well: having plenty of parks and green space, having a wide variety of locally-owned businesses, hosting community events like community orchestras and Meet your Merchants weekends, etc.

Catherine Brown

inside City Boundry

March 18, 2021, 10:36 PM

Question 1

- Gearing Midland more to young singles
- Flood protection and preparedness now that lakes are empty and dams are down to prepare for another downpour in excess
- Increasing events for all age types

Question 2

The small city feel Midland has. It's very family centered and has the basic amenities as a few highlights you.I can't find anywhere else like the gardens and all the parks

Question 3

Making Midland a place young single adults would want to live (as opposed to working in Midland and living in a surrounding city like Bay City)

Question 4

Lots more modern dining, activities for adults like beer gardens and beer halls (Des Moines, IA has one that is a huge hall where there is a bar with local beer in a huge hall, think Oktoberfest style hall, and food trucks get to serve food from there and great way to pick and choose food type and drink with game nights, trivia, etc.), activity venues like axe throwing, mini golf, more theaters, more shopping options, improve mall with stores that will be frequently visited, bigger name places more familiar found in all the bigger cities around like Detroit, become the hub and go-to city of the Tri-Cities area. Indoor market for small business, ability to support all types of business year round, not just during summer farmers market, more indoor kids areas, indoor dog play park for winter. A lot of things worth

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going to you have to drive 2 hours to to another city, why not make Midland a place that people want to go to who are two hours away from us.

Name not available

March 19, 2021, 9:12 AM

Question 1

- Listening to residents.
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Question 2

No response

Question 3

City council does not listen to the residents, so why bother filling out surveys. We did not want the roundabout at Washington and Patrick, but you did it. We do not want the "Road Diet", but you are going to do it. You changed the parking downtown to parallel eliminating many parking spaces.

Question 4

A mayor and board members who listen to the residents and work with the residents to make the city better.

Name not available

March 19, 2021, 9:21 AM

Question 1

- Parks
- Parking
- Traffic

Question 2

Community

Question 3

Drugs

Question 4

Better access to housing

Name not available

March 19, 2021, 9:24 AM

Question 1

- Maintaining CLEAN public areas, example ever since Kmart left that area especially behind the building is covered in garbage. I am sure fines could be assessed
- Road repairs
- Better winter road maintenance, salt or and alternative at intersection and sand or another alternative on intersection approach

Question 2

Cleanliness

Question 3

Loss of small business due to extended lockdown.

Question 4

A City that feels like a small town that uses' its money wisely and doesn't rely on foundations to bail it out or to pay for the majority everything .

Name not available

March 19, 2021, 9:36 AM

Question 1

- Elimniate the developer owned planning commission
- build a better flood control system

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

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Question 1

- Water/sewer system flooding
- Job/opportunity growth

Question 2

The family friendly activities available, including the Loons, MCFTA, Dow Gardens, Whiting Forest, Community Center, parks and playgrounds.

Question 3

Now—sewer flooding
Future— Bringing and keeping young adults in town

Question 4

No response

Name not available

March 19, 2021, 10:00 AM

Question 1

- Buttles St Road Diet, bad idea; traffic headaches/accidents; doesn't add anything positive; coming in from M-20, going to be a mess; accidents waiting to happen
- Affordable Condo Community for people over 55; reasonable cost, not only for Dow Execs; for everyday people.
- More fire pits—Main Street, couple closer to Riverside Place .

Question 2

Small town feeling; friendly and basically safe.

Question 3

Buttles Road Diet -- very much opposed to and don't see how it will add anything positive to Midland.

Question 4

Continue to be small City with many opportunities.

Name not available

March 19, 2021, 10:14 AM

Question 1

- Eastman rd traffic. NO MORE NEW BUSINESSES ON THAT SIDE OF TOWN
- Building up the south saginaw rd side of town
- No more "road diets"

Question 2

Decent community

Question 3

Non reporting of real issues in this town i.e. drug problem

Question 4

Be more realistic in it's portrayal.

Name not available

March 19, 2021, 10:15 AM

Question 1

- Paved bike trails that connect city neighborhoods

Question 2

Rail trail

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Name not available

March 19, 2021, 10:25 AM

Question 1

- The city center/roundabout is ugly that section of S. Saginaw and Jefferson and Ashman is dated and a disgrace. For such a beautiful town
- I have been here for almost 4years, and I am embarrassed to take any visitors through that area!

Question 2

No response

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Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Name not available

March 19, 2021, 11:13 AM

Question 1

- Park maintenance
- Traffic improvements
- Attract small business to downtown

Question 2

Community

Question 3

Income from taxes

Question 4

No response

Name not available

March 19, 2021, 11:17 AM

Question 1

- Enforce zoning
- More restaurants and shopping
- Continue city services

Question 2

A safe town which seems to have an eye to the future

Question 3

Flooding and sewer

Question 4

Better shopping and restaurants. Make Midland a more desirable destination.

Name not available

March 19, 2021, 12:03 PM

Question 1

- Affordable housing
- Easy Access to public spaces
- Traffic along main arteries

Question 2

Neighborhood feeling. The Rail Trail. The School system

Question 3

Affordable housing and traffic

Question 4

No response

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 19, 2021, 12:10 PM

Question 1

- Continue planning for recreation areas as we continue to grow.
- No more floods or sewer backups!
- Safety of all kinds.

Question 2

Safety for all ages to go places and do things whether alone or with others.

Question 3

Availability of no cost/low cost activities for families of all socio-economic levels. Especially for the young families to enjoy with their 0-5 age children. Brain growth time!

Question 4

Thriving business areas with independent businesses for all levels of income. Parks and trails to enjoy. Local events to draw visitors to "meet" Midland. Revitalized Mall area. Adequate affordable housing so that children are not moved frequently. Continued quality school system. Find some way to provide transportation to all areas of the County to enable those without personal transportation to get to work, health care, and shopping. Our medical facilities are wonderful, continue improving!

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Continue events at MCFTA, Dow Gardens and Forest, 360, Library, etc. We have wonderful amenities. Downtown is becoming a place to gather, hooray! And finally, I really think we could become a location for Hallmark movies. How about it? I'm mentioning it again so you don't forget.

And as an aside, I continue to be impressed by the City crews and various departments. That includes Police and Fire Departments as well as City Hall employees. I'm always proud to say that I'm from Midland.

Name not shown

outside City Boundary

March 19, 2021, 12:31 PM

Question 1

- Reducing crime
- Bringing in more small businesses and jobs.
- Working on infrastructure to prevent another catastrophic flood

Question 2

I've spent a total of two hours in Midland and my family loved it so much that we're planning on moving there at the beginning of 2022, from Central CA. It was so clean, there was so much to do, the atmosphere felt very comfortable, the Tridge is beautiful, it really does embody the American small town vibe!

Question 3

The flooding that happened was terrible, there have to be steps taken to prevent that from happening again. Too many people lost everything. Crime rates are much lower than the median for the country, but they can always be lowered more.

Question 4

I would love for it to grow slowly, so that it is maintainable, in all areas, education, jobs, sustainability. More community involvement. It is my dream to live there, I can't wait!

Name not shown

outside City Boundary

March 19, 2021, 12:40 PM

Question 1

- update and maintain infrastructure
- 5G and fiber optic internet infrastructure

- blight, remove buildings and replace instead of building on vacant property causing sprawl and tasking the current infrastructure

Question 2

I like the beautiful places we have for example, the gardens, the nature center, the Dow Home, the Library, the MCFTA's and the fairgrounds to name a small list.

Question 3

Infrastructure. What is the shape of the water lines? People can't see them so they are "out of site and out of mind" but it would be good to be proactive and not be reactive about our infrastructure that already exist. Maybe there is some other looming infrastructure project that I am not aware of like the dam that burst. I didn't have any idea that was going to happen so why would I list that on a survey? I would speculate that someone at the City of Midland did. Had the dam been taken care of when the government knew it was a problem, would we have been in this flood devastation? At some point problems will need to be addressed and the people in government are in the position to know things that the general public does not know. It is our government's responsibility to keep the community safe by taking care of infrastructure issues that are not always seen. Why do people distrust government? Is it because the government didn't keep them from harm when the government knew harm was going to happen? Is it because the government didn't take care of problems that they knew about but the solutions were going to be difficult? Someone knew full well that dam was about to break, someone knew that they should have drained the lake and fixed it so that we could avoid all the property damage. Someone didn't want to do it. We need to be better than that. I hope we can learn for the future. Is it better to suffer a little now to avoid suffering later? When we allow our government to constantly do what we want instead of what we need then that is a problem. The City of Midland has to discern better between needs and wants. If we need to fix a bridge, let's do that before we all want it done because it collapsed and we all see it is gone. Isn't infrastructure the base that everything else is built on? Isn't it the government's responsibility to keep it in good working order? Wouldn't fiber optic/5G internet system be part of infrastructure too?

Question 4

I am glad we have a Costco but at the same time I am sad that the K-Mart building is empty as well as other buildings. It would be nice to use or remove and replace the buildings we already have instead of building on vacant undeveloped land. I think that I would rather see an empty lot than an empty building, nobody wants to live in a community with blight. When all the buildings in Midland are all being used, then start building new. I think more pavement just means less area for water to get absorbed into the ground. We need to be more mindful of our water supply and the pollution that we put into it. My vision of Midland is better use of the existing buildings and properties within the city limits and the best infrastructure, water, roads, and fiber optics.

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Gerald Gordier

inside City Boundary

March 19, 2021, 2:34 PM

Question 1

- Should look at some principles that are enduring "throughout time" to serve as guides. Plan for a MINIMUM 10-years.
- This Master Plan should closely link ALL elements of this document to all other "master plans" in the City (i.e. parks plan, transportation plan, etc.)
- Any "goals" mentioned must incorporate "S.M.A.R.T" elements: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, & Time-bound.

Question 2

I appreciate the long forward look that the MUGA has provided Midland over the decades. This master plan should be as enduring and not reactive to short-term "tactical" issues, which some plans I've seen become.

The recreational and community activities set Midland apart from many other communities. This should continue.

An eye toward any operational impacts should be considered in any

planning so it doesn't become a "pie in the sky" type of dream.

Question 3

-As history has born out, the sewer system (storm and sanitary) must fixed and planned for the future.

-There must be a future plan for solid waste disposal as what we have is limited.

-A global plan for development needs to be articulated "city-wide." We need to get away from "center-city", "downtown", "mall area" defining what is desired. A Master Plan should articulate what is desired city-wide and reflects community perspective and all areas should complement all one-another.

-There should be corridors defined for commercial, residential, commercial, industrial, etc. overarching Zoning. Zoning should be a reflection of the Master Plan, rather than the outline or driver of development.

- The influence of "big money" or needs to take a back seat to the "Master Plan" articulated by the community at-large. The citizens are impacted directly by any tax impacts of development. We should not depend on grant funding, which is nice and appreciated, but can skew the people's will.

Question 4

My vision for Midland can be reflected in the moniker or motto of the city - "City of Modern Explorers." While we don't need to be on the bleeding edge, we need to be forward looking. Midland should be leading expansion of broadband, but here-to-for has allowed the incumbent

telecom providers to dictate what we get. The future will require embracing technology in new and creative ways, which will require a workforce and a commitment before that can be fully developed. I see tight linkage between all types of city plans (i.e. zoning, transportation, parks, etc.) as well as ALL operational plans specifically tied to elements of the "Master Plan." I see a community where we no longer see a jumbled collection of wires hanging from poles. Policy should be developed to (1) make all green-field development move ALL utilities underground, (2) proactively move ALL existing utilities underground whenever major construction is done in the right-of-ways, and (3) make a long-term commitment to proactively begin moving ALL utilities underground over a 25-30 year time as funding permits in areas that may not be covered by 1 or 2 above. The City should consider installing "duct-banks" for all wiring whenever work is done to accommodate current and future needs, so "construction" won't have to be done when conduit space is needed. This could also serve as a revenue stream by leasing the conduit space to various utilities, rather than paying pole rental to them. This Master Plan needs to be forward looking without a lot of constraints from the current status of items. This may mean new corridors for development, without necessarily abandoning what currently exist. I have nothing specific in mind (at this time), but we should be open to the possibility that a Master Plan for the future shouldn't be constrained at preserving the status quo.

Name not available

March 19, 2021, 3:03 PM

Question 1

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Question 2

Overall Small town feeling

Question 3

construction that helps businesses along Eastman by mall

Question 4

A plan that is good for everyone and not a select group

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 19, 2021, 3:17 PM

Question 1

- Recreation

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- Downtown
- Neighborhood zoning

Question 2

Community

Question 3

Inactive residents

Question 4

A big-city feel all in a small town.

A variety of; modes of transportation, recreation, and hospitality.

A more connected downtown and center city with less car traffic and more foot/bicycle traffic.

Betty Shangle

inside City Boundary

March 19, 2021, 3:21 PM

Question 1

- Zoning that is adhered to
- ordinances for rental- student housing not be in residential zonibg
- Repair city streets, not add streets for private property

Question 2

What I treasure about Midland is Safety

Smaller town feeling

Family values and events

Question 3

Letting new ideas outweigh the stable bones of Midland. We need and want new ideas but not at the price of what is great about Midland.

Question 4

A well thought out plan that residents can count on in the future and not allow strip zoning or changes for business and industry.

Name not available

March 19, 2021, 3:47 PM

Question 1

- Economic Development
- Enhanced conservation, sustainability, and recycling efforts
- Strengthen sense of place with community building efforts

Question 2

The abundance of parks, mature trees, and green spaces.

Question 3

It is not living up to its potential-- and therefore there will continue to be a mass exodus of young adults and even young families that come from other parts of the world, country, state (recruited by Dow, Mid-Michigan Health, etc.) that have experienced places that may even be smaller but have more character and a community-focus and sense of belonging that Midland lacks.

Question 4

A small-town feel with big-city amenities. A more vibrant downtown area that is more energized. Regular dynamic downtown events that are more inclusive and a bigger draw for residence across the city to gather (this could be as simple as a concerted effort to really "light up" the entirety of Main St. during the holidays so feels more like a go-to destination, leveling up and promoting the community-building aspects of the Farmers Market to draw in the community beyond shopping for fruits/vegetables (cultivating and celebrating the artisans, entertainers and craft makers in the area), upgrading the current Downtown Development slate of events to be more exciting-- no offense, but a "Meet the Merchants" is not that appealing to most of the residents. Also, collaborating with and supporting businesses and individuals that are attempting to bring community-building events to the area--> the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot 5K, Food Truck Festival. Also, family-friendly 4th of July and NYE celebrations hosted by the City.

Name not shown

inside City Boundary

March 19, 2021, 4:08 PM

Question 1

- Road Work
- More diverse shopping
- More upscale restaurants

Question 2

Safety

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Question 3

Traffic

Question 4

No response