

Ascension Parish Alternative Scenario Survey

Additional comment, idea, question?		Response Count
		13
	<i>answered question</i>	13
	<i>skipped question</i>	17

Response Text		
1	<p>Someone needs to address the helter skelter redistricting of subdivisions to public schools across the parish. This interferes with traffic and costs residents an enormous amount of time and money to stay involved in their children's educations.</p> <p>Check out the bizarre redistricting of Prairieville residents to the gonzales school system.</p>	Oct 29, 2009 6:19 PM
2	The pace of the public meeting in Donaldsonville was entirely too slow.	Oct 29, 2009 7:28 PM
3	<p>Develop bike and pedestrian trails along the bayous that can also be used for better maintenance of the channels. Do not encourage bike trails on roadways unless they are seperated from the road --placed along the R/W.</p> <p>require interconnection of new subdivisions so that traffic doesn't congest the main roads.</p> <p>require regional stormwater basins maintained by the Parish --no more small ineffective basins.</p> <p>require dedication of addition right of way width by developments that are located along major corridors--require the width on the side of the development to be a total of 1/2 of the right of way required for the road based on a good street master plan. Do this at the change in zoning stage for the development. They don't get the zoning unless they dedicate their share of the right of way.--We don't want to buy their business in the future when the road has to be widened.</p> <p>Identify the floodways on the Parish flood maps--do not allow any development within the floodway or do not allow any development within 200 feet of the centerline of the bayou.</p> <p>Specify that Larmar-Dixon be the site of our Hurricane debris site and the location of any required shelter of last resort.</p> <p>Plan the new Sewer system to match the compreherence plan so that development is forced to go to the sewer.</p> <p>Thanks</p>	Oct 29, 2009 8:49 PM
4	<p>Overall, what is the goal for Ascension? The parish is conveniently located between two major cities (Baton Rouge and New Orleans). Although certain cities or communities in Ascension have grown up (like Prairieville and Gonzales) they still have a small-town feel which is attractive. The suburbs aren't so congested that you lose a sense of privacy and uniqueness that seem to come with the expansion of residential housing. There is also a rural component of Ascension that is a nice escape from big city life. The towns are big enough to get what you need and most of the establishments are locally owned. These are the reasons why I love Ascension. If these things aren't part of the overall goal, then what is?</p>	Oct 29, 2009 9:16 PM

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5	<p>Would like to see regulations regarding outdoor lighting. Some parking lot lighting is blinding to passing drivers.</p> <p>Would also like to see light pollution considered in the above regulations. Light spill into the night sky is wasteful (if the light is going into the sky, it's not lighting up your business, parking lot, etc). The problem can be minimized with the through proper placement, shielded outdoor fixtures, etc. All outdoor lighting (street lights, commercial lighting, residential yard lights) should be required to follow the guidelines.</p>	Oct 30, 2009 1:05 AM
6	Sessions have been directed mainly from consultant's perspective. More input from attendees on what they would like to see, not just responding to what is being proposed.	Oct 30, 2009 3:14 AM
7	It is great to have input into planning of Ascension's growth. Our daughter is living in Loudoun County, Virginia. It is still quite rural, but has been experiencing tremendous growth the last ten years. There are some great planned communities there. South Riding, Virginia is a beautiful planned community with sidewalks, trails, small parks, and commercial all within walking distance. I can walk to Starbucks, the grocery store and/or the pediatrician from her home. Despite the development it still has a rural "feel". It would be good for our parish planners to see South Riding. Finally, I believe the present taxpayers are feeling overburdened. The Homestead exemption needs to be eliminated. If more people paid taxes they would care more about what was happening in their schools, communities and country.	Oct 30, 2009 7:03 PM
8	I think there should be a high priority on maintaining and advancing the family atmosphere in the parish through continued support of the public schools, a much needed expansion of parks and recreation, and stimulating development of businesses and services geared to families and children. The demographics of our parish show a high percentage of youth (0-18 years) it only makes sense that businesses and services in future developments should take this demographic into account.	Oct 31, 2009 6:55 PM
9	I support incentives over regulations; local taxes over reliance on Federal taxes, filtered through Washington, and effective public transit development over more roads.	Nov 2, 2009 4:31 PM
10	This survey is an excellent idea and a great way to introduce issues that must be thought about and addressed. It would be nice to have an essay that explains some of these planning methods that may not be familiar to common citizens.	Nov 2, 2009 6:45 PM
11	The rural character of Ascension Parish is almost lost now... We need to concentrate on retaining "wilderness" and "agricultural" areas by rewarding landowners for keeping them as they are.	Nov 2, 2009 11:50 PM
12	<p>I like the idea of a town in Prairieville, but not in Darrow. The small hamlets/town centers would be a great addition to this. I want the new town in Prairieville to have high end shops and restaurants to pull sales tax income in from neighboring Baton Rouge Parish. We don't need anymore discount stores and WalMarts.</p> <p>How about an incentive for Non-polluting industries/corporations to move into our parish?</p>	Nov 3, 2009 5:38 PM
13	Information about the 4 different scenarios and planning process meetings should be on display now at strategic public areas, such as the library and civic/governmental buildings, so the public can study them. Think outside the box. Display it where the public goes. What about Walmart? I bet they will accommodate an area to make a nice display. Also, train personnel at each location to answer questions from about the 4 scenarios, understand the planning process, and to encourage wide attendance to the upcoming public meetings. In addition to trained personnel, schedule elected officials and members of the planning committee to make presentations at the each informational site. It's people to people contact that will get the most response.	Nov 3, 2009 9:22 PM