



Reviving the Renaissance

City of BILOXI

Biloxi Steering Committee

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Potential Recommendations

Public Comments

Biloxi Steering Committee

Reviving the Renaissance

- **Develop a REALISTIC Plan for the Redevelopment of Biloxi**
- **Produce a REALISTIC Timetable**
- **Must have a REALISTIC Price Tag**

Issue Committees

Infrastructure

- Affordable Housing
- Land Use
- Intermodal Transportation
- Historical Preservation

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Finance

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Economic Development

- Tourism
- Defense & Government Contacting
- Small Business / Entrepreneurship
- Maritime and Seafood Industry

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Services

- Education
- Health & Human Services
- Non-Governmental Organizations

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Affordable Housing

- Develop capability to advise every citizen of Biloxi their options to rebuild
- Assess workforce housing needs throughout Biloxi
- Utilize Biloxi Housing Authority to build additional housing using the Hope VI model
 - 411 units in East Biloxi
 - 202 units in West Biloxi
- Recommend adopting the ABFE

Land Use Committee

- Adopt new ABFE maps and regulations
- Encourage and accommodate mixed use
- Increase water and sewer capacity
- Establish a new Commercial Residential Zone
- Support relocation of the CSX rail

Land Use Continued

- Maintain the Old Biloxi Architectural Style
- Preserve the Public View and the Sand Beach
- Establish neighborhood nodes at select intersections
- Promote walkability and interconnectivity

Transportation

- East Harrison County Connector
 - New North/South Connector from I-10 to Hwy 90
- Utilize the CSX Corridor
- Complete the East Biloxi Transportation loop
- I-110 interchanges—Bayview and Hwy 90
- Public Transit—Bus and/or trolley service

Historical Preservation

- Stabilize city-owned historic structures immediately
- Preserve existing Historical areas through existing law
- Conduct update on Biloxi's 6 Historic Districts
- Support development of parks and green space
- Develop visitor's center/museum complex near Porter
- Use FEMA grants to restore historical buildings

Finance Committee

- Recommend adoption of the ABFEs
- Develop a list of funding sources from both the public and private sectors
- Private Sector will drive recovery
- encourage all businesses and developers to take advantage of GO Zone
- Work with the gaming industry as a partner in workforce housing
- Encourage citizens of Biloxi to apply for Home Owner's Assistance Program
- Lobby for Phase 2 of the Home Owner's Assistance Program

Tourism Committee

- Expedite permitting process for high quality developments
- Create the Biloxi Historic Village at the Tullis site, and the Lighthouse Village at the lighthouse to restore and showcase our local museums and historical sites
- Expand Convention Center District
- Expand Point Cadet Marina
- Rezone East Biloxi to accommodate mixed use development including both tourism amenities and housing
- Support building a minor league baseball stadium

Military and Government

- Airspace
- Housing
- Land Use
- North/South Connector
- Medical Facilities

Small Business

- Conduct annual disaster preparation and planning seminars
- Develop a office commerce park in North Biloxi
- Encourage USM Gulf Coast to relocate to Biloxi
- Expand the scope of the new East Biloxi Community Center
- Pursue wireless internet expansion throughout Biloxi
- Lobby to have Biloxi designated as a HUB Zone

Seafood Industry

- Increase dock space for shrimp boats
- Develop land use for fuel, ice and an unloading facility
- Develop land space for shipyard use
- Expand the dock space at Point Cadet Marina
- Reinstall power at Point Cadet Marina
- Maximize use of Point Cadet Marina to encourage retail seafood, a Farmer's Market, and restaurants.

Education Committee

- Rebuild all damaged school facilities
- Promote Community and Workforce Education Programs
- Research 24 Hour Child Care
- Provide After-school Remedial Programs
- Offer gaming coursework at the IHL Level
- Enhance the GED Program

Health and Human Services

- Classify Medical personnel as first responders
- Designate City Rep to communicate with Health Care Community
- Develop Special Needs shelter
- Create local Healthcare clearinghouse
- Rebuild the Keesler Medical Center

Non-Governmental Organizations

- Develop a clearinghouse for non-profits to coordinate services, coordinate volunteers and disseminate information
- Reinstate social services funding from the City to address the unmet needs of children, families, seniors, and the homeless
- Develop strategies to prevent predatory lending
- Address rising mental health issues

Public Comments

- More Senior Housing
- Beautification/extensive tree planting
- Encourage underground utilities
- Revitalize Vieux Marche
- Allow access to the Beach
- More Green Space/Parks/Boat Launches
- Save centurion trees
- Height Variances
- Open Air Seafood area with restaurants

Public Comments

- Increase available, affordable housing
- Improve and maintain road infrastructure
- Need plumber
- Explain anagrams
- Let flood elevation risk be compatible with the insurance premium
- Update the evacuation plan for first responders
- “Shore Up” the perimeter of Biloxi with future developments, sea wall, or restore barrier islands to protect homes in the interior

Public Comments

- Safety concern over relocation of CSX Rail
- Community facility for hygiene post-hurricane
- Replant the trees, especially the oaks
- Restore the median of Hwy 90
- Face reality when it comes to flood/surge
- Implementation strategy, make these plans reality
- Concern over waterfront zone and shipyard development
- Community center with education component, resources for grants, ect

Public Comments

- Encourage Santa Maria to be rebuilt
- Support shrimp boat dock rehab/rebuild
- Improve Workforce training in high school
- Offer adult education at the high school or community facility
- Redevelop the Federal Building for community use
- Explore more parking at Vieux Marche
- Encourage higher wages in the private sector
- Explore inclusionary zoning (80/20)

Public Comments

- Final say on ABFE—FEMA
- Encourage the protection of trees, especially the oaks
- East Harrison County Connector—reopen the EIS due to post-Katrina conditions to find the best route
- Encourage plans to enlarge roads in the high density areas other than the East Biloxi Transportation loop
- Find more building and electrical inspectors
- Encourage mitigation of water/sewer plants and increase capacity in the undeveloped areas
- THE BRIDGE....

Public Comments

- Make fishing reefs out of the bridge remnants—2 miles south of Deer Island
- Encourage keeping available, affordable apartments—like Petis Bois
- CSX Rail—”the bridge to no where”—how do we change the message
- Test environmental safety—air, water, soil, ect
- Concern over new “bridge” reef
- Encourage people to face reality when it comes to rebuilding in flood/surge prone areas
- Encourage FEMA to mitigate flood hazardous areas

Public Comments

- Concern over relocation of CSX
- Maintain the levee function in the CSX Corridor
- Concern over flood control and storm water drainage
- Encourage blvd type construction on CSX Corridor
- Repair and rebuild the housing authority units
- Develop ability to “Land Bank”
- Propose CIIA—Citizens Integrity Intelligence Agency—to relay information from the community to the city government
- Keep the arts and culture
- Develop a new, larger theater—in conjunction with the coliseum expansion

Public Comments

- Concern over CSX Corridor—right of way buy out and impact on surrounding neighborhoods
- Encourage evacuation and mitigation through communication to prevent the loss of life
- Concentrate on lessons learned for future emergency preparedness
- Remember the mosaic and those that we lost
- Concern over single housing development in Coliseum district
- Request extension on Right of Entry, especially for the elderly
- Encourage building a hospital north of I-10
- Encourage short-term education opportunities in Health Care for job creation

Public Comments

- Concern over storm water drainage on the beach—especially the culverts and debris
- Need to elevate/mitigate public facilities—particularly the museums
- Recommend moving utilities underground
- Recommend keeping green space at Point Cadet Plaza
- Encourage upgrading, not just enlarging the sewer infrastructure
- Protect Keesler—height restriction
- Encourage state of the art storm water drainage
- Be wary of rising water levels
- Encourage large sea wall that stops eighteen wheelers and hurricanes
- Propose safe location for city and emergency operations
- Seize the moment and rebuild better!

Public Comments

- Re-evaluate the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and related studies concerning the entire East Harrison County Connector
- Consider alternative route for East Harrison County Connector—resolution has been passed by council
- Urge development community to limit spec home sales so Biloxi citizens can afford housing
- The BRIDGE.....contract will be let June 6
- Maintain the levee function of the RR Bed
- Concern over the implementation structure of the Steering Committee

Public Comments

- Clarify the current BFE maps and flood insurance
 - Must accept the ABFE when the maps become firm
- Concern over FEMA Trailer evacuation
- Propose expanding Popp's Ferry east of Cedar Lake
- Encourage performing arts and music—Rock On!
- Concern over FEMA Trailers being in Flood Zone, especially in the V-Zone
- Encourage the press to highlight the previous point
- Encourage 4 lane high rise bridge over Popp's Ferry
- Encourage city to turn on traffic signal at Jam Lane

Public Comments

- Propose traffic count on Popp's Ferry bridge
- Revamp the social services sector after doing a needs assessment
- Plan to remove artifacts from beachfront museums