First Impressions

Compiled Report Form

Community Visited: Logan Date(s) Visited: June 20, 2016

Pre-visit web search: How easy was it to get information on the community you were visiting? Did it accurately reflect what you saw? Did you have difficulties obtaining information on the community through a web search?

*Very easy! Great website!*

1. The “Five-Minute” Impression: After taking a five-minute drive through the community without stopping, the following reactions were noted. The following observations were noted when entering the community from major entrances (signs, streetscapes, buildings, etc.)

*The welcome signs, good signage, marque, rest area with restrooms. Landscaping on Hansen building was wonderful and a nice wide Main Street.*

*Bindweed throughout town, needed some mowing. Very friendly – everyone waved.*

2. Downtown Business Area

Describe the buildings, signs, infrastructure, etc. Explain what type of businesses you observed and give a description of the variety and quality of merchandise displayed. Describe the customer service received when you entered those retail businesses. (Were you greeted? Did you have to ask for assistance?)

*Buildings were well kept with mostly new windows. Grocery store, two banks, newspaper, library, Main Street Pizza, Chy’s Grill, hair salon, DGH Oil shop, Logan Co-op, Rangeland Cooperative, Kaisers, Funeral Home, Goddard Manufacturing, Post Office, Fuel Station, storage units, Beer Bucket Liquor, Car Wash, Napa, Pioneer Seed*

*Greeted very nicely. City clerk was very helpful.*

What public amenities were available (drinking fountains, benches, public restrooms, etc.) Comment on appealing landscaping and streetscaping. Did you have difficulty finding parking? Could you access multiple services from where you parked?

*Benches on sidewalks on Main Street, public restrooms, hydrants, camper dump, covered picnic tables, playground.*

*Landscaping on Hansen building, flower pots, street signs, metal pole art with flag holders.*

1. Other Retail Shopping Areas

Describe other retail shopping areas. Were the areas attractive and easy to access?

*N/A*

4. Industrial Parks/Commercial Areas

Is there a defined area where manufacturing industries could easily locate/expand? If so, describe.

*All on the south side of town away from residential and business areas.*

5. Health Care Services

Comment on the availability and apparent quality of hospitals and emergency medical services. Comment on the availability and condition of facilities for physicians, dentists, optometrists, public health and other healthcare providers.

*Medical clinic to open again soon. Located EMS building, ambulance.*

What long-term care services, assisted living or nursing facilities exist in the community?

*Assisted living (10 bed), Logan Manor (50 bed), Roberts place – 10 units – low income housing.*

6. Housing

Give a brief description of the existing mix of housing stock. Does the local market have housing that would appeal to all income wages? What challenges do you see in regards to finding acceptable housing? (Neighborhoods, size, properties for sale, etc.)

*Houses for sale, rental hard to find. Corner Cottage – guest house*

What kind of rental properties did you observe for persons interested in building or simply living in the community prior to buying housing?

*Didn’t observe*

7. Schools

Do the following schools appear to be adequate in size or do you see the use of temporary classrooms? Are the buildings and grounds well-maintained? Were you able to find print information in the community that helped assess the quality of the educational system?

*Found the elementary and high school. Appear to be adequate in size and well maintained. Found print information in the community.*

1. Childcare

Were you able to determine if childcare was affordable and available?

*New daycare with four rooms by ages.*

1. Faith/Religion

Comment on the number of denominations and the physical appearances of the churches represented in the community. Did you observe any evidence of church-sponsored community services?

*Observed four well-kept churches. Nice yards and buildings. Place for weddings or events for $10.*

1. Civic

Tell about the variety of nonprofit organizations and clubs within the community.

*Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, BPW, American Legion, Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H.*

*Sign of activity in the restaurant.*

1. Public Infrastructure

Comment in general on the streets, street signage, sidewalks, parking, lighting, restrooms, landscaping, and streetscapes in areas other than downtown. Did you observe land-use planning?

*Road west of track needs repaired. Yards well-kept except west side of town.*

*Tennis and basketball courts lighted. Streets in good condition.*

Comment on city/town hall (How were you received? Was there information about the town available?)

*Very well received at city hall. They have a well done flyer on Logan and other areas.*

Police/fire protection: *No police protection. Found the Logan fire department*

Library: *Looked good – wasn’t open*

City parks (walking tracks, ballparks, playgrounds, sportsplex): *Observed tennis courts, high school track, basketball courts, baseball fields, swimming pool. They did not see any signs and wondered about parking.*

1. Recreation/Tourism

Is the community well-known for any particular attraction or event? Do they have a community slogan that capitalizes on that asset?

*Dane Hansen Museum, music, fireworks, craft fair. Observed signs saying “Welcome to Logan.” 4-H Club says to “Buckle Up.”*

Did you see any indication of significant events taking place in the community that would be of interest to both visitors and residents?

*Dane Hansen Museum*

Elaborate on any significant natural or manmade features that have the potential of drawing people to the community.

*Episcopal Church, Towanda School*

Is there an obvious visitor’s center, chamber of commerce office, main street office, or other facility that serves the needs of visitors? Comment on the staff, facilities, signage, visibility, etc.

*City Clerk very friendly – in Main Street Community Building.*

Are there any restaurants, specialty shops or attractions that would bring you back to this community in the near future?

*The craft fair. Displays and events at the Hansen Museum*

13. Wrap-up

What are the most positive things you observed about the community?

*Friendliness of people. Main Street is very attractive. Assisted living and nursing home facilities very positive. Metal pole art project and church signs at entrance are attractive.*

What are the biggest obstacles/challenges facing this community?

*Lake area needs attention. Bindweed and empty buildings downtown. Clean-up on west side of town.*

What will you remember most about this community six month from now (positive or negative)?

Dane Hansen Museum

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