



# *Parish of Ascension*

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## **Ascension Parish Master Plan public meetings set for August and September**

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GONZALES – Ascension Parish citizens will again have a first-hand opportunity to give input into the Ascension Parish Comprehensive Plan with a series of public meetings scheduled for August and September.

The meetings will be held:

- Tuesday, Aug. 24: Lemann Center, 1100 Clay Street, Donaldsonville
- Wednesday, Aug. 25: Pelican Point Clubhouse, 6300 Championship Court Drive, Gonzales
- Thursday, Aug. 26: Darrow Community Center, 37130 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Darrow
- Monday, Aug. 30: Old Prairieville Fire Department, 37237 Goodwood Street, Prairieville
- Tuesday, Aug. 31: Galvez Middle School, 42018 Highway 933, Prairieville
- Wednesday, Sept. 1: St. Amant Park, 45404 Stringer Bridge Road, St. Amant
- Tuesday, Sept. 7: Dutchtown Library 13278 Highway 73, Geismar
- Thursday, Sept. 9: Lake Elementary School, 14185 Highway 431, St. Amant
- Monday, Sept. 13: Ascension Courthouse East, 828 S. Irma Boulevard, Gonzales
- Tuesday, Sept. 14: Central Primary School, 41369 Highway 621, Gonzales
- Wednesday, Sept. 15: Oak Grove Community Center, 37433 Highway 42, Prairieville
- Monday, Sept. 20: Ascension Courthouse East, 828 S. Irma Boulevard, Gonzales.

The Comprehensive Plan – an update of the existing plan adopted in 2003 – contains a land use map, a vision statement, goals, policies and implementation strategies. The plan identifies such elements as future land use (residential, commercial and industrial); location and design of future roads, schools and parks; and maps out broad strategies to finance the needed improvements.

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Decision makers, such as the Parish Council and Planning Commission, use the plan's goals, policies and implementation strategies during project review of land use and development proposals. They also apply the plan to influence how to cost-effectively extend utilities and infrastructure to new growth areas.

At previous public meetings, participants were asked to comment on appropriate locations and development patterns, as well as places that should be conserved over time. This round of meetings will focus on the plans which have been set forth and will allow planners to gain further input from citizens as to the scope and direction of the Comprehensive Plan.

“We appreciate those citizens who took the time to attend our earlier sessions,” Parish President Tommy Martinez said. “We strongly encourage people to come back, or come out for the first time, and make their voices heard. This is a vital opportunity to shape the future of our parish.”

A project Web site can be found at [www.PlanAscension.org](http://www.PlanAscension.org). It contains updates on the process, results of public meetings, a calendar and other important data. Information may also be obtained through the Parish Planning and Development Department at (225) 621-5700.

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