

## **Marquette Mastermind Summit (Transcribed notes from public meeting)**

**Date:** July 31

**Time:** 7:15 am

**Location:** Smoky Valley Distillery

**Attendees:** 15 attendees: Years in community; 4 less than 5 years, 3 5-20 years, 7 born and raised, 2 moved here more than 20 years ago, 1 only work here, and 1 other  
Education; 0 Less than HS, 0 HS Grad or equivalent, 3 Associated or some College, 12 Bachelor's or higher

Occupation; 3 employed public sector, 3 employed private sector, 7 Retired, 3 Small business owners

Age; 0 under 20, 2 20-39 year olds, 5 40-60 year olds, 8 60 and older

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### **Economic Confidence**

**Economic confidence is a bit lower than last year specifically with employment opportunity. Why do you think this is the case?**

- No new businesses
- Lack of “good” paying jobs
- Jobs don't cover the cost of living
- Jobs that are hiring aren't higher salaries

**What could be causing future optimism?**

- Distillery has brought in more tourism
- Business expansion
- Election cycle
- The “doing”

### **Community Engagement**

**What can Marquette Leadership do to foster personal commitment to the community?**

- Explore challenges from different perspectives
- Entertain new ideas

**There is a considerable difference in planning and doing. What would help raise the planning level?**

- Chamber has a plan
- Lots of Helpers

**What are some steps that could be taken to address the highlighted issues?**

- Housing & Blight
  - Count vacant lots/blight
- Enforce City ordinances
- Really good business conditions
  - Tax Revenue