

Planning Commission Minutes
October 6, 2009

a. Public Hearing and Action on Master Plan: Land Use Element. This document is the result of consolidating the four City Area Plans (South, West, Northeast and Central) into one document. The intent of this consolidation is to create a document that includes all substantive information from each area plan that can be updated more regularly and include goals and objectives that can be applied more broadly. No substantive information has been added during this consolidation process; major changes will be proposed in the second phase of this planning effort, which may be initiated in 2010. This document previously was recommended for approval by the City Planning Commission on May 5, 2009, but is being brought back for reconsideration with a revised resolution and no changes to the document have been made – Staff Recommendation: Approval

Pulcifer explained the proposed consolidation plan.

Ethel Potts said the only new element added was the Northeast Area Plan, which had a new urbanism aspect to land handling that was put into a general section that applies to all the other areas. She said by implication some changes were made but no real changes were made to the plan.

Tom Whitaker, 444 South Fifth Avenue, he said he was on the West Area Plan Steering Committee back in 1993 and 1994. He supported the Central Area Plan, but expressed concern about what was deleted from the plan. He suggested that staff post a version of the old Central Area Plan identifying all changes.

Noting no further speakers, Bona declared the public hearing closed.

Moved by Pratt, seconded by Mahler, that the Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission and City Council are authorized by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (P.A. 33 of 2008, as amended), to make and adopt a master plan for the City; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ann Arbor Master Plan: Land Use Element will serve as a guide for decisions and recommendations regarding the physical development of the City and for the implementation of related plans, policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ann Arbor Master Plan: Land Use Element includes maps, appendices, descriptive and other matter contained therein as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (P.A. 33 of 2008, as amended); and

WHEREAS, The City of Ann Arbor Master Plan: Land Use Element will replace four area plans: South Area Plan (1990), Central Area Plan (1992), West Area Plan (1995), and Northeast Area Plan (2006), into one comprehensive land use plan which will facilitate regular updates; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 5, 2009, to gather input regarding the City of Ann Arbor Master Plan: Land Use Element; and

RESOLVED, The City Planning Commission hereby adopts the City of Ann Arbor Master Plan: Land Use Element, now on file with the City Clerk as an element of the City Master Plan.

RESOLVED, The City Planning Commission recommends that City Council adopt the City of Ann Arbor Master Plan: Land Use Element as an element of the City of Ann Arbor Master Plan.

A vote on the motion showed:

YEAS: Bona, Briggs, Carlberg, Derezinski, Giannola, Mahler, Pratt,
Westphal
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Woods

Motion carried.