

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Planning Commission
FROM: Wendy L. Rampson, Planning Manager
SUBJECT: **Annual Master Plan Review**
DATE: May 4, 2010

Article XI of the Ann Arbor City Planning Commission Bylaws requires that the Planning Commission review the adopted Master Plan each May, following a public hearing. The purpose of the review is to identify policies that may need to be studied for eventual inclusion in the Master Plan, prior to the annual work program being adopted.

State law requires that the Master Plan be evaluated for updating at least every five years. Since the last Master Plan review, the Commission and City Council have adopted the updated Downtown Plan, the Transportation Update and the consolidated Land Use Element.

Attached is the Master Plan Resolution. Several changes are being proposed to the resolution, which was adopted by the Planning Commission in May 2009. The Master Plan elements are no longer identified as "Citywide" or "Geographic," now that the consolidated Land Use Element has been adopted. In addition, several of the older district plans have been moved to the Resource Information list. Finally, the Flood Mitigation Plan has been added to the Resource Documents list, since its recommendations, adopted by City Council in March 2007, may impact the physical development of the City.

PROPOSED PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby approves the "City of Ann Arbor Master Plan Resolution" and the "City of Ann Arbor Resource Information In Support Of The City Master Plan Resolution," dated May 4, 2010.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends **postponing** the motion to allow the Commission to collect comments from the public hearing and discuss work program priorities at an upcoming working session.

Attachment: Revised Master Plan Resolution

**CITY OF ANN ARBOR
MASTER PLAN RESOLUTION**

Whereas, The City Planning Commission is 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 Master Plan serves 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 Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 4, 2010 to gather input regarding the City Master Plan; and

Whereas, The City Planning Commission has reviewed the planning documents listed below and finds that these documents represent the current plans for the City's land uses and its essential City facilities;

Resolved, The City Planning Commission hereby adopts the following documents to constitute the City Master Plan:

1. Transportation Plan Update
2. Non-motorized Transportation Plan
3. Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan
4. Natural Features Master Plan
5. Land Use Element
6. Downtown Plan

Resolved, The approval date of this resolution shall be added to each of the documents here listed.

Approved by City Planning Commission
December 3, 2002
Revised May 1, 2007
Revised May 5, 2009
Approved As Is May 5, 2009
Approved _____, 2010

**CITY OF ANN ARBOR
RESOURCE INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF THE
CITY MASTER PLAN RESOLUTION**

Whereas, The Master Plan of the City of Ann Arbor is used by the City Planning Commission 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, Several valuable City studies and historical plans support the City Master Plan by providing additional detail for interpretation and implementation of the recommendations;

Resolved, The planning documents listed below shall be used by the Planning Commission and Planning staff as resource information in support of the City Master Plan:

1. Consolidated Strategy and Plan for Housing and Community Development Programs
2. Current Fiscal Year Capital Improvements Plan
3. Library Block Planning and Urban Design Study
4. North Main Street/Huron River Corridor Summary Land Use Policy
5. Fuller/Geddes/Conrail Corridor Study
6. Miller/Maple/Newport Traffic and Circulation Study
7. Briarwood Subarea Plan
8. Flood Mitigation Plan
9. Northeast Area Transportation Plan

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