

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Planning Commission

FROM: Wendy L. Rampson, Planning Manager

SUBJECT: **Annual Master Plan Review**

DATE: July 7, 2015

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 July 7, 2015.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends **approval** of the revised City Master Plan resolution and the list of associated resource information used to support the City Master Plan.

STAFF REPORT

The Ann Arbor City Planning Commission Bylaws require Commission review of the Master Plan each year. The purpose of the review is to identify policies that may need to be studied for possible change or new policies that should be added to the Master Plan, prior to the annual Commission work program being adopted. A public hearing was held at the May 6, 2015 meeting to allow citizens the opportunity to suggest changes. Minutes from this hearing are attached. In addition, written comments were provided by the Northbury Condominium Association (see attached).

State law requires that the Master Plan be evaluated for updating at least every five years. While not a formal master plan amendment, in the past year, the Commission endorsed a right-of-way study for Washtenaw Avenue and assisted the Downtown Development Authority in creating a Downtown Street Design Manual. In the coming fiscal year, the Commission has identified the development of a greenway master plan for Allen Creek and revision of the future land use recommendations for the North Main/Huron River corridor as priorities. In addition, staff and the Commission will assist City staff in identifying a locally preferred alternative for the Connector high-capacity transit route.

Attached is a draft resolution that reaffirms the existing master plan elements and identifies the master plan updates underway, in addition to a resolution identifying resource documents that support the master plan. Two additional documents are proposed to be included on the resource document list: the 2014 Reimagine Washtenaw Corridor Improvement Study (www.a2gov.org/washtenaw) and the 2015 Washtenaw County Affordability and Economic Equity Analysis (www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/community-and-economic-development/plans-reports-data/housing-and-infrastructure/2015/washtenaw-county-affordability-and-economic-equity.pdf).

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Attachments: 5/6/15 Planning Commission Minutes
Letter from Northbury Condominium Association
Letter from Norm Tyler
7/7/15 Draft Master Plan Resolution
7/7/15 Draft Resource Information in Support of the City Master Plan Resolution

c: City Attorney's Office
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