

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Planning Commission
FROM: Brett Lenart, Planning Manager
SUBJECT: **Annual Master Plan Review**
DATE: May 11, 2018

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 16, 2018.

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 noticed in advance of the May 16th Planning Commission meeting to allow citizens the opportunity to suggest changes.

State law requires that the Master Plan be evaluated for updating at least every five years. In the past year, the Commission has approved the Treeline Allen Creek Urban Trail Master Plan.

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. This resolution reaffirms the removal of two resource documents from last year’s resolution as follows:

- The Consolidated Housing Plan and Strategy – This document is removed as it is a document specific to HUD funding that is completed and submitted by the Urban County, of which the City is a member. The Housing Affordability and Equity Analysis, adopted in 2015, is still included in the resource list.
- The Library Block Planning and Urban Design Study – This document is proposed for removal as development of the parking structure has been completed and the sale of development rights for the Library Lot has now been approved by the City.

Attachments: Draft Master Plan Resolution
Draft Resource Information in Support of the City 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 Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 16, 2018 to gather input regarding the City Master Plan; and

Whereas, The 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 Planning Commission hereby adopts the following documents to constitute the elements of the City Master Plan:

1. Sustainability Framework (2013)
2. Land Use Element, including South State Street Corridor Plan (2013)
3. Downtown Plan (2009)
4. Transportation Plan Update (2009)
5. Non-motorized Transportation Plan (2007) and Update (2013)
6. Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan (2016)
7. Natural Features Master Plan (2004)
8. Treeline Allen Creek Urban Trail Master Plan (2018)

Resolved, The City Planning Commission will continue to assist in the process of developing the Allen Creek Greenway Master Plan;

Resolved, The Planning Commission will assist in the implementation of the Sustainability Action Plan and the Washtenaw County Affordability and Economic Equity Analysis recommendations, in coordination with the Energy Commission, the Environmental Commission, Park Advisory Commission, Housing Commission and Housing and Human Services Board; and

Resolved, The Planning Commission will undertake an effort to review The City Master Plan to review progress, identify shared themes or conflicts, and create a product that seeks to effectively communicate a collective City Master Plan vision; and

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 June 1, 2010
Approved May 3, 2011
Approved June 15, 2012
Approved June 18, 2013
Approved July 15, 2014
Approved July 7, 2015
Approved June, 6 2017

**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. Current Fiscal Year Capital Improvements Plan (2018-2023)
2. Fuller/Geddes/Conrail Corridor Study (1994)
3. Miller/Maple/Newport Traffic and Circulation Study (1995)
4. Briarwood Subarea Plan (1995)
5. Downtown Vision and Policy Framework (Calthorpe Study – 2006)
6. Northeast Area Transportation Plan (2006)
7. Flood Mitigation Plan (2007)
8. Allen Creek Greenway Task Force Report (2007)
9. Washtenaw County Access Management Plan (2008)
10. Huron River and Impoundment Management Plan (2009)
11. Washtenaw Avenue Corridor Redevelopment Strategy (2010)
12. Downtown Design Guidelines (2011)
13. Connecting William Street Plan (2013)
14. Climate Action Plan (2013)
15. North Main Street/Huron River Corridor Vision for the Future Report (2013)
16. Reimagine Washtenaw Corridor Improvement Study (2014)
17. Washtenaw County Affordability and Economic Equity Analysis (2015)

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