



## HIGHLAND PARK PLANNING COMMISSION

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### PUBLIC MEETING OF HIGHLAND PARK PLANNING COMMISSION

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

#### *Meeting Minutes*

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 5:46pm Paul Motley

II. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioner Pye, Commissioner Jordan, Commissioner Motley

**Absent:** Commissioner Galotta

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by:** Commissioner Jordan, Second by Commissioner Pye

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Agenda Items Only) **2 Minute Limit**

None.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS- Presentations**

I. **Master Land Use Plan Update**

Commissioner Motley says that it's been over a decade since it's been updated. Commissioner Motley introduces the company PlaceMakers who presented the Master Plan update.

- **Quinn Evans/PlaceMakers**

**Present:** Hazel Borys & Susan

- Plan is arranged by policy, community, economics, vision, opportunities. Master Plan sets out three goals, and 6 policy topics.
- Hazel briefly mentions the different aspects of the master plan such as future land use, industrial research, employment centers and housing.
- Hazel mentions that approximately 94,000 sq. ft. of new retail development in the City of Highland Park which will produce \$24 million in gross sales

**Questions:**

- Commissioner Motley asked about Mkt studies and data and used 93,000 of potential developable space, what was the purpose? Hazel mentions that it was on the retail and restaurant mkt development.

- Commissioner Motley knows that he has to coordinate with CED regarding the master Plan and make sure that they communicate fully to the public so they are aware. He wants to try to make this available to the public possibly be next week; on web site, govt. officials, etc.
- Hazel asks to tweak the master plan with a few changes that she noticed and will have it back to Commissioner Motley by this Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 2. Master Land Use Plan Proposed Timeline

- Commissioner Motley mentions that he wants to try to make this available to the public. They don't have a timeline, wants to hear the public comments and will have a meeting next month after hearing public comments and internal meetings.
- Commissioner Motley says that they will entertain a motion to recommend the master plan after following meeting in April. He believes that in April we might be able to set things in stone.
- Commissioner Beverly wants to know when was the last time we had a meeting on the Master Plan?
  - Commissioner Motley answers & says that previously the city hadn't adopted a Master Plan as of 2008 or 2009. Motley says that Quin Evans met with Mayor's office, TIFA, CED, traffic, then planning and received a lot of feedback from the community on Third and Picket at the field house and decided to help out the City of Highland Park in a cost effective way being that Master Plans can be costly.

## VII. OTHER

### 1. Master Land Use Plan Update

- Commissioner Motley hopes that we can do a public hearing in early March after hearing the public comments and in April we can possibly decide to approve the Master Plan.

## VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non Agenda Items)

Attorney Ford thanked them for doing a wonderful job and says that it is not easy.

## IX. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS / UPDATES

None.

## X. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:50pm by Commissioner Bursey, Second by Commissioner Pye

### HIGHLAND PARK PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

**Chair:** Barbara Willis  
**Vice Chair** Paul Motley  
**Commissioner** Cleophus J. Pye  
**Commissioner** Taessia Bursey

**Commissioner** Samuel J. Billington  
**Commissioner** Beverley Jordan  
**Commissioner** Jeff Glotta

