

Central District Master Plan Project Update



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Email List Started and Growing

More than 100 people have submitted their email addresses so they can continue to get information about the planning process. If you want to make sure you continue to get important information, check our website at www.hpdownatownplan.org or email the Department of Community Development at contact@hpdownatownplan.org. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to get involved.

Take the Walking Tour

A walking tour of the Central District has been posted to the website. You can amble around downtown and think about the commentary and questions posed in the tour. This is your opportunity to take a closer look at downtown and think about what you like and don't like and consider what elements of downtown might be ok to change and what are the best elements of downtown to preserve. Walk with your friends or family and discuss what your favorite places in Highland Park are. Think about places that you like outside of town and what physical elements of those places make them attractive. To access the walking tour please click the following: <http://tinyurl.com/qew6k2>.

Talk to a Planner

Here's an opportunity you won't want to miss. A member of the Department of Community Development Planning Division staff will be on hand at the Thursday night summer concerts at Buhai Square (Port Clinton Plaza) to discuss the downtown planning process and downtown planning issues with you. Please look for the planner, and ask them a question or tell them what you think of downtown. A planner will be present from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on June 4, June 18, July 9 and July 30.

Community Open House

Mark your calendar for June 24th at 6 p.m. for a Community Open House to discuss the Central District. The Open House will be held at the Highland Park Community House, 1991 Sheridan Road. At the Open House we will set forth the purpose of the planning process, educate ourselves about cutting edge work being done related to sustainable urban planning, and to hear from you about the direction that you want for downtown Highland Park. Doug Farr, principal of Farr Associates (<http://www.farrside.com>), and a national leader on “sustainable urbanism” will be the keynote speaker.

The City of Highland Park hopes that this planning process will provide a variety of opportunities for City residents, property and business owners, employees and visitors to have meaningful input into the future of downtown Highland Park.

For more information, please visit the website www.hpdownatownplan.org, email the Department of Community Development at contact@hpdownatownplan.org, or call 847 432-0867.

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