

Central District Master Plan Project Update



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Roundtable Meetings to be Held in September through November

We anticipate holding three sets of roundtable meetings. The roundtable meetings will be held at the Highland Park City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, in the Pre-Session Conference Room on the second floor. The dates and times of the roundtable groups are the following:

Roundtable Meeting #1

Wednesday, September 23:

- Promoting Commerce and Service @ 7:00 p.m.
- Assuring a Well Functioning Downtown @ 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, Sept 24th

- Creating a Vibrant Downtown @ 7:00 p.m.
- Advancing a Sustainable Downtown @ 8:15 p.m.

Roundtable Meeting #2

Wednesday, October 14:

- Promoting Commerce and Service @ 7:00 p.m.
- Assuring a Well Functioning Downtown @ 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, October 15

- Creating a Vibrant Downtown @ 7:00 p.m.
- Advancing a Sustainable Downtown @ 8:15 p.m.

Roundtable Meeting #3

Tuesday, November 10:

- Creating a Vibrant Downtown @ 7:00 p.m.
- Assuring a Well Functioning Downtown @ 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, November 12

- Promoting Commerce and Service @ 7:00 p.m.
- Advancing a Sustainable Downtown @ 8:15 p.m.

The roundtable process is intended to focus participant discussion by planning theme and get feedback which will lead to the development of a Vision Statement for the Central District. Roundtable participants will explore the overarching questions facing the downtown and then explore one of the themes. The discussions will be facilitated by community leaders, appointed by the Mayor, members of the Plan Commission and assisted by staff from the Planning Division. Each roundtable may meet a number of times in order to develop their recommendations, which will then be forwarded to a Roundtable Advisory Group. The Roundtable Advisory Group will take the disparate recommendations from each roundtable and create a unified vision for the Central District.

The number of participants in the roundtable process will not be limited. You do not have to attend all of the roundtable meetings to participate. In addition, you can participate in more than one of the roundtable groups.

To participate, please email contact@hpdowntownplan.org and tell us which roundtable, or roundtables you would like to join.

Every person participating in the roundtables is highly encouraged to take the Downtown Walking Tour and participate in one of the awareness walks around downtown.

Awareness Walks and Walking Tour

On Wednesday, August 12th and 19th, a City planner will lead an awareness walk around the downtown. These awareness walks will be similar to the Walking Tour of the Central District that has been posted to the website. Each awareness walk will start at 7:00 p.m. and end around 8:00 p.m. The awareness walks are organized as follows:

- August 12: East side of downtown – meet at the Veterans’ Memorial at St. Johns and Central Avenues at 7:00 p.m.
- August 19: West side of downtown – meet on the steps of Port Clinton Plaza at Central Avenue and Second Street at 7:00 p.m.

This is an opportunity to take a closer look at the downtown, to think about what you like and don’t like, to consider what elements of downtown could change, and what are the best elements of downtown to preserve. To access the walking tour please click the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/qew6k2>.

Take the Downtown Survey

To date, more than 250 people have taken the survey. If you have not done so already, please use the link below to take the survey. The survey will stay open until August 7th. We are very interested in your input. The survey covers a range of topics, including how and why you use downtown Highland Park, how you get there, your opinions regarding the existing scale and character of downtown, and the future development character of downtown.

Click www.surveygizmo.com/s/137530/hpdowntownplan to take the survey.

Please answer each question, as incomplete surveys will not be counted, and YOUR opinion matters!

The City of Highland Park hopes that the Central District 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.hpdowntownplan.org or call 847 432-0867.

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