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Roundtable Advisory Group  
January 8, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.  
Highland Park City Hall  
1707 St. Johns Avenue

Meeting Agenda

1. Review meeting purpose
2. Review and discuss sub-committee revised vision statement
3. Discuss/consider key strategic issues synthesized from roundtable groups
4. Discuss/consider draft objectives offered to address strategic issues
5. Next steps, next meeting

**Sub-Committee Revised Vision Statement**  
**Draft: 01-06-10**

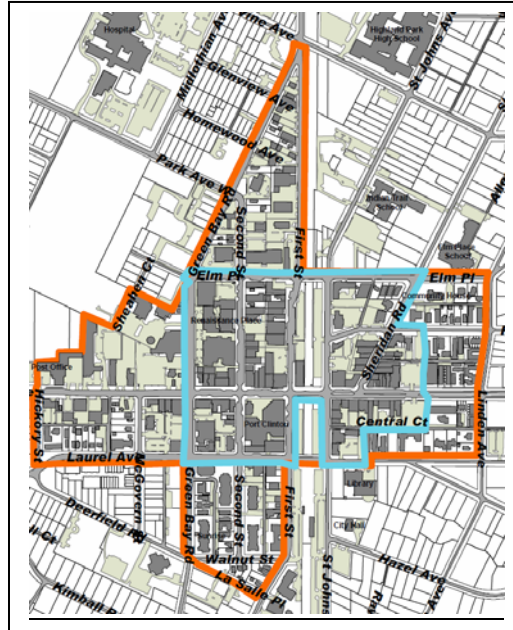
**Vision Statement**

Downtown Highland Park will be a vibrant, easily accessible and sustainable center for people in which to live, work and engage in commerce, cultural arts and entertainment.

Future planning will reinforce the existing pedestrian and historic character, enhance our sense of community and embrace our unique geographic features while integrating economically (and environmentally) sound and “design-appropriate” future development.

**Definition of Underlined Terms**

**Downtown Highland Park**



**Vibrant**

Lively, Diverse, Engaging and Happening.

**Elements**

- Varied shopping and dining experience
- Spaces that are diverse and inviting
- Mix of activities and times
- Mixed use of residential, retail/service and office (live work and play downtown)

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### **Accessible**

Easy to get to and move through.

#### **Elements**

- Accessible by a variety of means (car, bus train, bike walk)
- Easy to navigate without unsafe situations
- Parking is available and well identified (auto and bike)
- Signage is helpful

### **Sustainable**

Can meet present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. This requires the reconciliation of environmental, social and economic demands - the "three pillars" of sustainability. The three pillars of sustainability are not mutually exclusive and can be mutually reinforcing.

#### **Elements**

- Resource conserving (water, energy, materials)
- Encourage compact and mixed use (commercial/institutional, residential and public)
- Open Space, Parks, Streetscape
- Demographically Diverse
- Balances economic growth with social and environmental concerns

### **Commerce**

Buying and selling of goods and services

#### **Elements**

- Offering a variety of retail, service and office opportunities

### **Cultural Arts**

Encompasses art forms including visual arts, literature, music, theatre, film and dance

#### **Elements**

- Highland Park Arts Campus (Art Center and Community House)
- Library
- Live Programs
- Festivals
- Not for profits organizations
- Music

### **Entertainment**

An activity designed to give people a diversion

#### **Elements**

- Leisure
- Dining including Outdoor Dining
- Festivals
- Movies
- Outdoor music

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### **Pedestrian Character**

A sense of place that is pleasant, safe and interesting in which to walk and linger.

#### **Elements**

- Unified streetscape and pedestrian connections
- Appropriate signage and wayfinding
- Site furnishings (bike racks, lighting standards, bollards, newspaper racks, etc)
- Interesting and accessible building design at human scale
- Building orientation
- Safety
- Landscape & streetscape improvements
- Activity on the street (e.g. outdoor dining, public gathering places, )

### **Historic Character**

A sense of place that is fostered by the buildings, architectural features and street pattern found in an area.

#### **Elements**

- Building Scale
- City Hall
- Ravinia Festival
- East Central
- HP Theatre

### **Geographic Features**

The location and defining physical elements of a place and its general surroundings.

#### **Elements**

- Lakefront
- Ravines
- Sunset Park
- Train tracks and Commuter Rail Service
- Greenways Trails
- North shore location
- Regional access (Hwy 41/Tollway)
- Public squares

**DRAFT**

**Central District of Highland Park Master Plan Update  
Strategic Issues  
(Derived From Roundtable Process)**

	<b>Strategic Issue</b>
1	Control the size of the Central District
2	Establish regulations with respect to building height, development intensity and residential density that will maintain historic character, promote variety in urban design, and foster continued reinvestment in the Central District
3	Increase civic and commercial (retail and service) activity in the Central District
4	Improve the experience and safety for all transit modes in the Central District (especially non-motorized travel for pedestrians, bicyclists and the disabled)
5	Balance the supply of off-street public parking with the demand
6	Increase residential use in the Central District
7	Improve wayfinding to and within the Central District
8	Promote sustainability in all forms - demographic, economic and environmental