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Roundtable Advisory Group
January 22, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.
Highland Park City Hall
1707 St. Johns Avenue

Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions and review meeting purpose
2. Review/discuss and make recommendation on revised vision statement
3. Review/discuss and make recommendation on key strategic issues from roundtable groups
4. Preliminary discussion on draft objectives offered to address strategic issues
5. Next steps
Briefing on Vision Statement and Strategic Objectives for:
 - a. Downtown stakeholders
 - b. Plan Commission
 - c. City Council
6. Next Roundtable Advisory Group meeting

Vision Statement

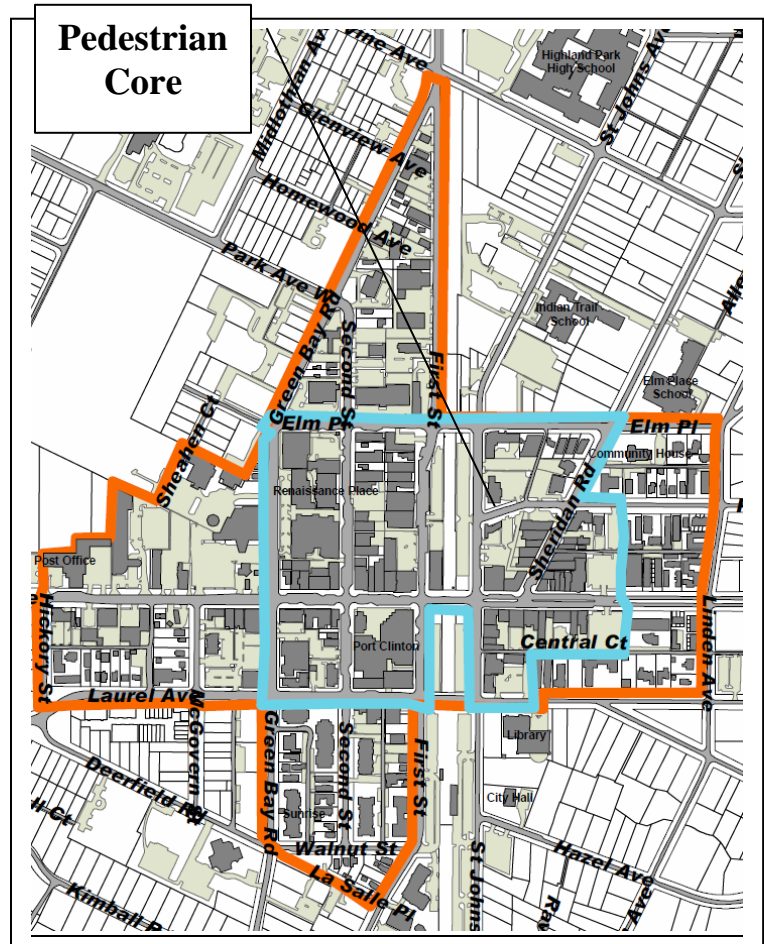
Downtown Highland Park will be a vibrant, easily accessible and sustainable center for people in which to live, work and engage in commerce, cultural arts and entertainment, providing a unique experience.

Planning and development [for downtown], while promoting the pedestrian and historic character and unique attributes, will adapt to ongoing challenges and opportunities.

Downtown Highland Park

Refers to the entire mapped area which contains a variety of zoning districts including commercial, public and multi-family residential.

The “*Pedestrian Core*” is coterminous with the B5 zoning district. The broader “*Downtown*” contains a variety of business, multi-family residential and public zoning including the B4, RM1, RM2 and PA districts.



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Defined Terms

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)

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

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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

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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 profit
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

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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

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

Downtown = the Central District
Pedestrian Core = the B5 Zoning District

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