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DATE: June 21, 2019
TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Kady Dadlez, Planner
RE: Highland Park District 15 Plan: Public Hearing on June 28, 2019

The public hearing on the draft Highland Park District 15 Plan is scheduled for your next meeting on June 28, 2019. Attached is the memo from the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee dated May 10, 2019. You received this memo when the Planning Commission released the draft plan for review and scheduled the public hearing. I have not included another copy of the draft plan itself. If you wish to refer to it during the public hearing please bring the copy from the May 17th Planning Commission meeting packet or view the plan at <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/planning-economic-development/planning/current-activities>.

Please let me know if you have any questions prior to the public hearing on June 28, 2019, 651-266-6619 or kady.dadlez@ci.stpaul.mn.us.



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FROM: Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee
RE: Highland Park District 15 Plan

BACKGROUND

In fall of 2016 Highland District Council began work on a new district plan and its steering committee began meeting in spring 2017. Shortly thereafter Highland Park staff and volunteers began outreach efforts that continued through much of 2018. They collected input from residents through an extensive community engagement effort including online surveys conducted prior to and after the plan was drafted. Participation in the survey was encouraged through Twitter, Facebook, the district council website, the Highland Park District Council newsletter - which reaches more than 12,000 households, and announcements in the Villager newspaper. Community, school, and association websites were leveraged to expand the outreach. Tabling occurred at community events that included a jazz concert, National Night Out, farmers' market, park pop-up meeting, Parks and Recreation movie nights, home improvement fair, Pool House Rock, community center, Highland Fest, and a local grocery store.

A draft Highland Park District 15 Plan was prepared and presented to City staff in December 2018. Upon receipt of comments from City staff review, Highland Park District Council made revisions and presented the attached plan to City staff in April 2019. The plan was adopted by the District Council board on April 17, 2019.

You may notice that the draft plan references Neighborhood Nodes, a term used in the draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Highland Park chose to use this terminology in its plan in anticipation of the adoption of the 2040 plan prior to adoption of the Highland Park District 15 Plan.

OTHER PLANS

The Highland Park Neighborhood Plan Summary (2007) should be decertified when it is superseded by the Highland Park District 15 Plan.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee recommends the Planning Commission take the following actions:

- Release the Highland Park District 15 Plan for public review; and
- Schedule a public hearing regarding the Highland Park District Plan for June 28, 2019.

Attachments

1. Highland Park District 15 Plan
2. Similarity of Policies in the Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan
3. Highland Park District Council Resolution

Similarity of Policies in the Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the Draft Highland Park District 15 Plan

Land Use

- *Preserve and enhance safe, desirable, and walkable neighborhood.*
- *Encourage a mix of retail and service businesses that meet daily needs close to where people live.*

Transportation

- *Put the pedestrian first in all planning.*
- *Increase bicycle accessibility.*
- *Expand and encourage the use of transit.*

Parks and Recreation

- *Ensure convenient and equitable access to parks and recreation facilities.*
- *Preserve and protect existing natural resources and park amenities.*
- *Preserve natural environment and habitat.*
- *Seek and leverage public and private partnerships to share open space and meeting space in the neighborhood.*

Housing

- *Increase the diversity of housing options so that people of all ages, cultures, ethnicities and incomes have a place in the neighborhood.*
- *Support transit oriented housing development along major transit corridors.*

Environment and Water Resources

- *Maintain and enhance green space and tree cover.*
- *Support solid waste and energy consumption measures that promote environmental sustainability.*

Historic Preservation

- *Celebrate the architectural diversity of the neighborhood and encourage maintenance and renovation of historic properties.*
- *Support the preservation and maintenance of designated sites and encourage compatible uses so they continue to remain community assets.*



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Resolution to Update the District 15 Highland Park Neighborhood Plan

Whereas, in January of 2017 the Highland District Council(HDC) requested the City of Saint Paul initiate an update of the District 15 Highland Park Neighborhood Plan; and

Whereas, the Highland District Council accepted applications for a Steering Committee to help study the transportation, housing, parks and recreation and land use in the defined planning area; and

Whereas, the D15 Steering Committee met numerous times over the course of 2017 and into 2018 to update the existing plan and discuss the future vision of the neighborhood; and

Whereas, the Steering Committee formed committees to review and update each section of the plan, held public meetings, created surveys and established a comment period before drafting the plan, and

Whereas, the Steering Committee released this draft for public review, held pop up meetings around the neighborhood, attended events, created a survey and did outreach before finalizing this draft, and

Whereas, the Steering Committee incorporated feedback on the draft plan from all City departments that submitted comments, and

Whereas the Steering Committee has updated the Highland District Council at every board meeting throughout the process, and presented their findings and draft plan to the HDC Board of Directors in the Fall of 2017, the Fall of 2018 and final draft in April of 2019; and

Whereas, the City of Saint Paul's Planning Commission recommends updating the existing District 15 Highland Park Neighborhood Plan every 10 years; therefore

Be it resolved, that the Highland District Council's Board of Directors supports the current draft of the Highland Park Neighborhood Plan and recommends approval by the Planning Commission.

Adopted on April 17, 2019
By the Highland District Council Board of Directors

Resolution 2019 – 13E



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Date: June 19, 2019
To: Betsy Reveal, Planning Commission Chair
From: Christine Boulware, Historic Preservation Specialist
Re: Highland Park District 15 Plan - HP Comments

Chair Reveal and Planning Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Highland Park District 15 Plan. In reviewing the plan for conformance with the Historic Preservation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan, I offer the following edits and comments for your consideration:

1. PR6.1 Support continued upgrades to the historic Highland Golf Course Club House, Historic Pool House, and other multi-use facilities to make them available for community events.
 - a. Suggested language: Support the continued maintenance, preservation, and rehabilitation of upgrades to the historic Highland Golf Course Club House, Historic Pool House, and improvements to other multi-use facilities to make them available for community events.
2. PR6.6 Circus Juventus correct spelling to Circus Juventas
3. HP1. Celebrate the architectural diversity of the neighborhood and encourage maintenance and renovation of historic properties.
 - a. Suggested language: Celebrate the architectural diversity of the neighborhood and encourage maintenance and renovation rehabilitation of historic properties.
4. HP3. Give equal consideration to projects with historic preservation factors when formulating Capital Improvement Budge requests.
 - a. Suggested language: Give equal consideration to projects with historic preservation factors, when formulating Capital Improvement Budge requests. (the following strategies in HP3 are not related to CIB requests)