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HOMEWOOD COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN

ACTION REQUIRED Adoption of the Homewood Comprehensive Community Plan as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan
DATE: March 10, 2020
SUBMITTED TO: The Planning Commission of the City of Pittsburgh
FROM: The Planning Director

FINDINGS OF FACT

The City's comprehensive plan is the guiding document for making policy, attracting investment and determining the most effective use of tax payer dollars. The Plan is created by a robust data gathering and interpretation to understand the current conditions of the City, public input that allows residents to voice their opinions and make suggestions, and analysis of trends and public input to determine how the City can grow equitably and sustainably over the next 25 years. It will help elected officials, decision makers and residents make Pittsburgh an even better place to live, work, learn, play and thrive.

The Homewood Comprehensive Community Plan (HCCP) is the fourth neighborhood plan developed by the City as part of the Comprehensive Plan. For the Homewood community, the HCCP will guide City decisions related to preserving and strengthening the existing community, encouraging balanced, equitable and development, providing more choices in mobility, and investing in sustainable infrastructure.

Other components of the City's Comprehensive Plan (such as, Housing, Economic Development and Mobility) developing at this time, as are a neighborhood plan for the Oakland neighborhood. Once completed, all "components" will be integrated into a multi-purpose policy document that will set investment priorities, coordinate neighborhood-scale planning efforts, and guide the City's land use and development decision-making processes for many years to come.

1. A core committee representing project partners in the community and at the City formed to oversee the HCCP planning process, provide guidance on plan topics, provide feedback on proposals as they formed, and to review early drafts of the plan.
2. A Request for Proposals issued to consultants for the HCCP development in early 2017. Asakura Robinson, a planning consultant out of Minneapolis, MN as the prime consultant for the HCCP by mid-2017, with assistance from sub-consultants Brean Associates and the UrbanKind Institute.
3. The public was engaged through a variety of methods. The project team held three public open houses with over 250 attendees, which included a communal dinner, activities and presentations. The team conducted over 25 interviews with stakeholders in and near the district, and a luncheon to engage. Nine action teams held twenty-five topical meetings developing the plan's goals and strategies. A survey was completed by over 100 residents and employees.
4. A draft of the HCCP released for public review and comment in May 2019 at a public open house led by leadership from partner community organization and Steering Committee members. Comments received for 33 days following this event via email, comment form and an online comment form on the project website.
5. The recommendations of the HCCP center around four topic areas: preserving and strengthening the existing community, encouraging balanced, equitable and green development, providing more choices in mobility, and investing in sustainable infrastructure.

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6. The HCCP establishes a framework of goals, recommendations and practical actions that will help to realize the vision of the community as detailed in the plan. The actions will not be adopted formally through this action.
7. Several of the recommendations are already in discussion or underway, but need an adopted plan to help make them a reality.
8. Section 923.01.B of the City's Zoning Code and Section 22765 of the Second Class City Code both solely give the power of adoption of a Comprehensive Plan, either in whole or in sections, to the City Planning Commission.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

That the Planning Commission of the City of Pittsburgh **adopt** the Homewood Comprehensive Community Plan as the Manchester and Chateau area component of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

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