


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	20-159	Meeting:	April 20, 2020
	Agenda Item:	17	Roll Call:	20-0618
	Submitted by:	Erin Olson-Douglas, Economic Development Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Set date of public hearing on the proposed Oak Park – Highland Park Urban Renewal Plan.

SYNOPSIS:

This roll call sets the date of public hearing on the proposed Oak Park – Highland Park Urban Renewal Plan for the June 8, 2020 City Council meeting and authorizes the required consultation meeting with representatives from Polk County, Des Moines Public Schools, Des Moines Area Community College, and Des Moines Area Regional Transit.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the approval of this plan. The activities and projects that may be assisted by this Urban Renewal Plan and tax increment revenues are addressed in the plan text and are subject to separate Council action.

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The proposed Oak Park – Highland Park urban renewal area is proximate to the Des Moines Central Business District and serves as a satellite support neighborhood to downtown for workforce housing and small-scale neighborhood commercial services. The proposed plan boundary consists of approximately 57-acres, includes 115 properties, and is generally located along Euclid Avenue between 6th Avenue and Cambridge Street, and along 6th Avenue from Ovid Avenue to Seneca Avenue. The plan boundary includes the historic business district as well as the Park Fair Mall area and surrounding properties.
- The purpose for the Oak Park – Highland Park Urban Renewal Plan is to encourage and assist with the redevelopment and/or removal of blighted, obsolete, and underutilized properties within the urban renewal area, to facilitate the development and re-development of commercial, mixed-use and residential uses, to create and retain jobs in the City of Des Moines, and to provide a diversity of housing options within the plan area. This plan is intended to guide the development of the Urban Renewal Area and to activate new economic investment leading to increased taxable valuations.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

- Urban Design Review Board – review and make recommendations on the proposed plan.
- Taxing entities consultation meeting.
- Plan and Zoning Commission – review and make recommendations on the proposed plan.
- City Council – conduct public hearing on the proposed plan.

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