PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS Minutes, June 15, 2023

A special meeting of the Planning Commission of Grand Rapids Charter Township was held at the Township Hall on Thursday, June 15, 2023.

Present were Chair Wayne Harrall, Vice Chair Scott Conners; Secretary Dave Van Dyke, and Commissioners Doug Kochneff, Dan Ophoff, Mark Prein, and Steve Waalkes. Also present were Michael DeVries, Township Supervisor, and Jim Brown, Township Attorney.

Chair Wayne Harrall opened the special meeting, noting that it had been convened in order for the members to work further on proposed Supplement No. 2 of the Township Master Plan.

The members then discussed Chapter 3 of the 2007 Master Plan and the 2013 Supplement No. 1 of the Master Plan, covering Township land use goals and policies. The members considered which goals and policies should be retained, revised or deleted and what new goals and policies should be included in pending Supplement No. 2 of the Master Plan.

Among the goals and policies discussed were those pertaining to residential land use, commercial and office uses, industrial use, parks and recreation, environmental matters and public facilities and services.

The members then addressed, first, the current Southeast Cultural Area in Supplement No. 1 and, second, the Legacy Area of the Supplement. The members discussed (1) what significant new land uses had occurred in each of the Areas since 2013 and (2) what changes should be made in the written content as to each of the Areas, for inclusion in pending Supplement No. 2.

The members decided that no changes were needed in the maps depicting the Southeast Cultural Area and the Legacy Area.

James R. Brown, acting recording secretary

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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