

**PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS  
Minutes August 28, 2013**

A rescheduled meeting of the Planning Commission of Grand Rapids Charter Township was held at the Township Hall on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 4:00 pm.

Present were Chair Wayne Harrall, Vice Chair Stephen Fry, Secretary David A. VanDyke, Commissioners; Bev Wall, Dave Pierangeli and Scott Conners. Also present were Township Attorney Jim Brown, Township Supervisor Michael J. DeVries and Planning Assistant Kara Hammond. Commissioner Mark Prein was absent.

**1. Approve (previously tabled) minutes of June 25, 2013 meeting.**

**Dave VanDyke**, seconded by **Bev Wall**, moved to approve the minutes with one change;

- p.10, sentence above item 1, change 'the following conclusions' to 'a general consensus as follows'

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**2. Approve minutes of July 31, 2013 (rescheduled) meeting.**

**Dave Pierangeli**, seconded by **Scott Conners**, moved to approve the minutes with changes;

- p.1, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph under the 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence, insert the word 'time' between "difficult" and "coming"
- p.1, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet from the bottom, last sentence, remove "(more traveled roads, but it really depends)" and insert "(roads with higher traffic volumes)"

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**3. Work Session – GRT Master Plan Amendment – Review documents and discuss process for completion of Master Plan document by the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.**

Attorney Jim Brown began going through the edits and changes made from the last work session. Scott Conners and Steve Fry both noted their names had been misspelled. The commissioners discussed including the current comprehensive land use map with the new district map, as it will show the basis of what it was before and what it is now. Jim Brown stated he would make that addition in the appendix.

Steve Fry asked for clarification as to why there is no East Beltline district. Michael DeVries explained the issues and items that were discussed at the previous work session in regards to eliminating a specific district for the East Beltline.

Jim Brown said he would like to see the names of the streets on the final district map. Wayne Harrall suggested just showing the border streets on the final map, to keep it less confusing. Steve Fry suggested putting the name of the district in each district, eliminating the key completely and reinforcing the districts and borders on the map.

The commissioners discussed the following changes and edits;

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- remove Cannon Township from Table 1
- do all municipalities for both tables, to stay consistent
- change 'Absolute Change' to '10 Year Change' in Table 1
- change 'Absolute Change' to '30 Year Change' in Table 2
- Table 2A should read "Historical Population Change BY DECADE"

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- eliminate the year 2000 information to stay consistent with just using 2010 information
- change the title for Table 4, deleting 2000

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- Table 6 needs to be updated, the wrong figures were entered

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- remove Table 9 completely

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- columns should be in thousands

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- numbers for Table 14 and 15 are needed

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- delete the third bullet under 2011, with reference to Arbor Hills South

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- under Parks and Recreation, add a sentence on continuing the development of Crahen Valley Park for generally passive recreation uses.

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- Scott Connors will provide a proposed statement regarding potential improvements in through streets in the township

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- Wayne Harrall provided the additional information to be inserted under Street and Traffic.

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- Wayne Harrall will obtain the KCRC traffic counts to be inserted

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- additional maps will be added to the list of those to be included in the Appendix

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- the reference to the sculptures in Meijer Gardens will be re-stated to indicate many, varied sculptures or similar wording

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- in the Northeast Rural Area, revise the recommendation to cover the lands on the west side of Dunnigan, from Knapp on the south to 3-Mile on the north, east of the parcels fronting on the Beltline, about the north half of this area is zoned in the Heath Care PUD, which permits a residential component, adjacent to the south of the PUD, the land on the west side of Dunnigan is zoned SR, except the portion fronting the Beltline, south of the PUD is zoned R-1, adjacent to the south of that, and extending south to Knapp, is a large parcel in City jurisdiction
- these lands on the west side of Dunnigan should be designated for residential, in view of the residential uses long established along Dunnigan; but if multifamily development is proposed, or other use that might be included in a PUD oriented toward the Beltline, such uses should be well-distanced from Dunnigan, and well-buffered, with access from the Beltline side, not from Dunnigan
- the PC members will confer further on this at the next work session

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- take out the references to Spectrum Health, and substitute something like, medical care complex or health care uses, etc..
- as to the parcels south of Kuyper College, indicate that these could be used by Kuyper or other compatible cultural or institutional uses

**4. General Public Comment.**

There was no general public comment given.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

  
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David A. VanDyke, Secretary