

Livability and Great Neighborhoods

Action Strategies	Time Frame	Responsible Entity	Progress to Date
A. Create educational efforts to publicize historical structures and their importance to the fabric of the community	1-2 years	Clarkston Historical Society/Historic District Commission	Complete J Smith accepted for Historical Society. This is a major ongoing action for the organization. (Sept2019)
B. Review the zoning ordinance with regard to currently non-buildable residential sites/properties, and develop appropriate standards to encourage development with limited impact on the existing neighborhood	1-2 years	Planning Commission	CarlisleWortman presentation to PC on 15APR2019 re Infill, Ordinance Strategies and Accessory Dwelling Units. Will continue to pursue changes. (April2019)
C. Strengthen and protect the viability of residential neighborhoods by prohibiting non-residential intrusions into residential areas	1-2 years	Planning Commission	Refer to 2019 Master Plan Future Land Use Map. More to come. (Jan2019)
D. Provide effective but reasonable code enforcement for all properties	1-2 years	City Administration	Jonathan Smith to share PC list of "Perennial Property Violations" with David Marsh Ordinance Committee for action (03June2019)
E. Work with homeowners and appropriate county agencies to identify and implement needed capital improvements in residential neighborhoods	3-5 years	City Administration	TBD
F. Amend the zoning ordinance to allow for "aging in place" in residential areas, where appropriate	3-5 years	Planning Commission	CarlisleWortman presentation to PC 15April2019 re Aging in Place. PC will continue to pursue changes. (April2019)

G. Direct the Historic District Commission to continually evaluate and possibly expand the historic district in the city	1-2 years	Planning Commission/Historic District Commission	PC recommended to Council 10Dec2018. Council directed HDC to produce executable plan Dec2018. HDC is now forming the “official” study team who will be approved by Council to re-certify the current district and possibly expand the Historic District. *Sept2019)
H. Foster and implement volunteerism and philanthropy	1-2 years	Planning Commission	Sue Wylie ro discuss with Andrea Sorentino. (Sept2019)

Downtown Vitality

Action Plan	Time Frame	Responsible Entity	Progress to Date
A. Prepare a parking study to identify inefficiencies and possible remedies, including concepts for additional or reconfigured parking, and improved traffic flow	1-2 years	Planning Commission	CarlisleWortman Parking Study completed Oct2018. PC appointed members of a new Parking Management Committee 04Jan2019. Council approved 14Jan2019. Council approved only 1 of 7 Parking Management Committee recommendations. Council sent package back to PMC for more work (July2019)
B. Develop ordinance standards that require a consistent quality design and creates the desired downtown “atmosphere”	1-2 years	Historic District Commission	TBD

C. Research and adopt form-based zoning for the downtown area	3-5 years	Planning Commission	TBD
D. Analyze and possibly develop a wayfinding system in the city with respect to both vehicular and pedestrian traffic	1-2 years	Planning Commission	Assigned by PC to new Parking Management Committee. (23Jan2019) Council subsequently created a new Sign Committee. This committee is tasked with all signage now, including "wayfinding". (Sept2019) Design work is almost completed for signs. Once Council approves Design strategy, next will be sign creation/manufacturing. (Sept2019)
E. Engage local artists to host art events/cultural expositions in the downtown	1-2 years	Clarkston Cultural Arts	Mayor Haven will work in conjunction with Denise Couture of the Cultural Art Council (April2019)
F. Identify resources for art funding, such as community foundations	1-2 years	Clarkston Cultural Arts	Mayor Haven will work in conjunction with Denise Couture of the Cultural Art Council (April2019)
G. Work with business owners and appropriate county agencies to identify and implement needed capital improvements in the downtown area	3-5 years	Planning Commission/City Administration	Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) initial creation contracted to Carlisle Wortman June 2019. Expect CIP by 4 th Qtr 2019/ (Sept2019)
H. Actively seek opportunities to create space for art, culture, and leisure activities in the downtown	3-5 years	Friends of Depot Park	TBD

Placemaking

Action Item	Time Frame	Responsible Entity	Progress to Date
A. Review and update the Master Plan every 5 years, as required by state statute	3-5 years	Planning Commission	Complete The 2019 Master Plan was approved by the PC at a Public Hearing on 14Jan2019. Council supported this decision on 14Jan2019.
B. Update the city's Recreation Plan every 5 years	3-5 years	Friends of Depot Park	Complete The new Recreation Plan was approved in 2018.
C. Adopt a revised and up-to-date zoning ordinance and map, consistent with the Master Plan	1-2 years	Planning Commission	Complete (April2019)
D. Evaluate and streamline the city's development review process	1-2 years	Planning Commission	Jim Melosche In Process. A new Power-point flowchart of the Building Ordinance process , Development Site Review and Permit processes will be agreed to by PC, HDC, ZBA, Building Dept and Council. No target date. (Sept2019)
E. Prepare and annually update a capital improvements plan for city facilities and major equipment expenditures	1-2 years	Finance/Budget Committee	A Skeleton first-time CIP was created mid-2018. Carlisle Wortman has been contracted to ptrpare the initial Six Year Planning Commission CIP. Expect initial review 4 th Quarter CY2019. (Sept2019)
F. Prepare a strategic plan for a future city administrative building/facility	1-2 years	Facilities Committee	Complete Council approved construction and funding for City Hall

			expansion in March 2019. (May2019)
G. Develop and improve sidewalks, where possible, to link uses such as retail, offices, residential, parks, open space, and activity centers	3-5 years	Planning Commission	Phase 1 Complete Major sidewalk repair and replacement project completed Summer 2019. Linking strategy to follow. (June2019)
H. Identify and establish gateways at entryways into the city	1-2 years	Planning Commission	PC to discuss with Sign Committee (April2019)
I. Develop a marketing strategy to promote the downtown	1-2 years	Planning Commission	TBD
J. Evaluate, seek funding, and implement opportunities to connect with the Independence Township bike path/walkway system	1-2 years	Planning Commission	TBD
K. Establish “green” building standards and incorporate them into city ordinances	1-2 years	City Ordinance Committee	TBD
L. Create and adopt guidelines for low impact development design and maintenance standards, and use of native vegetation	1-2 years	Planning Commission	Mayor Eric Haven will work with Jim Brueck (Apr2019)

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