



**2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL REPORT
CITY OF OAK PARK
PLANNING COMMISSION**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Michigan Planning Enabling Act requires an annual report to be submitted to the legislative body in regards to planning and development. I am happy to present this report to the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and City Council.

Section 19 (2) of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act provides that:

“A planning commission shall make an annual written report to the legislative body concerning its operations and the status of planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions by the legislative body related to planning and development.”

Fiscal 2021-2022 was a busy year in the Economic Development and Planning Department and the Planning Commission in particular. Together we continue supporting our local businesses and community of Oak Park. While we implemented a new zoning ordinance in 2021 we have continued to make additional amendments to it to make it easier for businesses and developers to invest in Oak Park.

Kimberly Marrone
Economic Development and Planning Director

PLANNING

Long range planning for the physical development of the City of Oak Park is the primary focus of the Planning Department. In addition to preparing and maintaining the Master Plan the department is responsible for the administration of the Zoning Ordinance and other planning tools to achieve the goals and objectives listed in the plan. The day-to-day operations of the planning and zoning functions for the City include addressing a considerable amount of phone calls, emails, and visits from the public, as well as administrative duties including preparation of public hearing notices, meeting minutes, scheduling of meetings and preparing meeting packets.

For those seeking project specific approvals, staff spends a substantial amount of time with potential applicants to ensure they have a clear understanding of their options as well as the process involved for each one. Staff diligently works with developers through the site plan review application and encourages all to attend a pre-application meeting prior to submission.

Planning Commission

Commission Members

Gary Torgow, Chairperson
Joe B. Brown, Vice Chairperson
Marian McClellan, Mayor
Carolyn Burns, Mayor Pro Tem
Michael Eizelman, Secretary
Erik Tungate, City Manager
Michael Seligson
Howard Tkatch
Marie Walters-Gill

Summary

The Planning Commission is a nine-member volunteer board appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. They are responsible for planning the future growth of the community and review of specific development projects including special use permits, zoning ordinance amendments, and property rezoning requests. The Planning Commission is also charged with the preparation and adoption of plans for the City including the Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan.

The Planning Commission meets at 7:00 P.M. on the second Monday of each month in the City Council Chamber. Planning enabling legislation outlines that the Commission should represent

a broad spectrum of interests, including industry, transportation, commerce, education, agriculture, etc.; this same statute outlines that the Commission should represent the various geographic areas of the City. As provided for by statute, there are two City Council members appointed to the Planning Commission each with voting rights and one member of the Planning Commission also serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Planning Commission Meetings

During fiscal 2021-2022, the Planning Commission conducted ten (10) regular meetings and one (1) special meeting. Over the course of the year, two (2) meetings were cancelled for lack of business. Following is a summary of Planning Commission Action from the past year:

DATE	ACTION
07/12/2021	<p>The Nine Apartments, Ferlito Group, 8775 Nine Mile Road, Final PUD Site Plan approval</p> <p>Coursault Business Ventures LLC, 15101 Eleven Mile Road, Final Site Plan approved</p>
08/09/2021	<p>Public Hearing to consider a proposed rezoning of 21200 Greenfield Rd., 15100 Eight Mile Rd., and 15000 Eight Mile Rd., from PUD, Planned Unit Development District to LI, Light Industrial District.</p> <p>Planning Commission approval regarding the proposed rezoning of 21200 Greenfield Rd., 15100 Eight Mile Rd., and 15000 Eight Mile Rd., from PUD, Planned Unit Development District to LI, Light Industrial District.</p> <p>Recommendation to send letter of support Berkley Master Plan</p> <p>OPUS Eight Mile Development, 15100 Eight Mile Road, Final Site Plan approval</p>
09/13/2021	<p>Site Plan approval, 1-800 Self Storage Phase II Expansion, 15160 Eight Mile Road</p>
10/11/2021	<p>Administrative Approval – Site Plan Review. B & G Wholesale, Inc. - 8625 Capital St.</p> <p>Public Hearing to consider a proposed rezoning of 13300, 13400, 13500, 13600, 13630, 13650, and 13700 Eight Mile Rd., from B-1, Neighborhood Business District to B-2, General Business District.</p>

Planning Commission approval regarding the proposed rezoning of 13300, 13400, 13500, 13600, 13630, 13650, and 13700 Eight Mile Rd., from B-1, Neighborhood Business District to B-2, General Business District.

Site Plan approval. Splash City Car Wash, 13400 Eight Mile Road.

Site Plan approval. Jax Kar Wash, 26550 Greenfield Road.

10/25/2021 Special Meeting

Public Hearing to consider a Special Land Use request submitted by Sweep America Intermediate Holdings, LLC, 21430 Coolidge Hwy. and 13271-13341 Northend Ave. for Outdoor Storage use.

Planning Commission approval regarding a Special Land Use request submitted by Sweep America Intermediate Holdings, LLC, 21430 Coolidge Hwy. and 13271-13341 Northend Ave. for Outdoor Storage use.

11/10/2021 2020-2021 Annual Report received by the City of Oak Park Planning Commission

Administrative Approval – Site Plan Review. The D Loft Clubhouse – 21380 Coolidge

Public Hearing to consider a Special Land Use request submitted by Discount Hydro, Simon and Simon, LLC. 14370 W. Eight Mile Rd. for outdoor storage use.

Planning Commission approval regarding a Special Land Use request submitted by Discount Hydro, Simon and Simon, LLC. 14370 W. Eight Mile Rd. for outdoor storage use.

01/10/2022 Administrative Approval – Site Plan Review. Body Art Studio – 24687 Coolidge Hwy.

Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the City of Oak Park Zoning Ordinance in the following sections: Article 1, Division 2; Article 2, Division 2; Article 2, Division 3; Article 2, Division 4, Article 3, Division 1; Article 3, Division 2; Article 4, Division 1; and Article 4, Division 3; Article 4, Division 4; Article 5, Division 4; Article 6, Division 1; Article 6, Division 2.

Planning Commission approval regarding proposed text amendments to the City of Oak Park Zoning Ordinance in the following sections: Article 1,

Division2; Article 2, Division 2; Article 2, Division 3; Article 2, Division 4, Article 3, Division 1; Article 3, Division 2; Article 4, Division1; and Article 4, Division 32; Article 4, Division 4; Article 5, Division 4; Article 6, Division 1; Article 6, Division 2.

Site Plan approval. Savvy Sliders – Greenfield Rd. Parcel ID #52-25-31-326-012

02/14/2022 Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the City of Oak Park Zoning Ordinance in the following sections: Article 1, Division2; Article 2, Division 2; Article 2, Division 3; Article 2, Division 4, Article 3, Division 1; Article 3, Division 2; Article 4, Division1; and Article 4, Division 3; Article 4, Division 4; Article 5, Division 4; Article 6, Division 1; Article 6, Division 2.

Planning Commission approval regarding proposed text amendments to the City of Oak Park Zoning Ordinance in the following sections: Article 1, Division2; Article 2, Division 2; Article 2, Division 3; Article 2, Division 4, Article 3, Division 1; Article 3, Division 2; Article 4, Division1; and Article 4, Division 3; Article 4, Division 4; Article 5, Division 4; Article 6, Division 1; Article 6, Division 2.

03/14/2022 Site Plan approval, Gloworks Wholesale – 21110 Greenfield Road

Site Plan approval, Northland Chrysler | Dodge | Jeep | Ram – 14100 Eight Mile Road

04/11/2022 Public Hearing to consider a request submitted by Michael Ferlito, for consideration to recommend an alley vacation adjacent to 8775 Nine Mile Rd.

Planning Commission approval regarding a request submitted by Michael Ferlito, for consideration to recommend an alley vacation to City Council, adjacent to 8775 Nine Mile Rd.

Capital Improvement Plan 2022-2023 Annual Budget.

05/09/2022 Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the City of Oak Park Zoning Ordinance in the following sections: Article 2, Division 3; Article 2, Division 4; Article 5, Division 3.

Planning Commission approval regarding proposed text amendments to the City of Oak Park Zoning Ordinance in the following sections: Article 2, Division 3; Article 2, Division 4; Article 5, Division 3.

Recommendation to send letter of support Huntington Woods Master Plan Update

Site Plan Review, Salud Eleven, LLC., 14701 W. Eleven Mile Rd

Site Plan Review Process – Customer Feedback

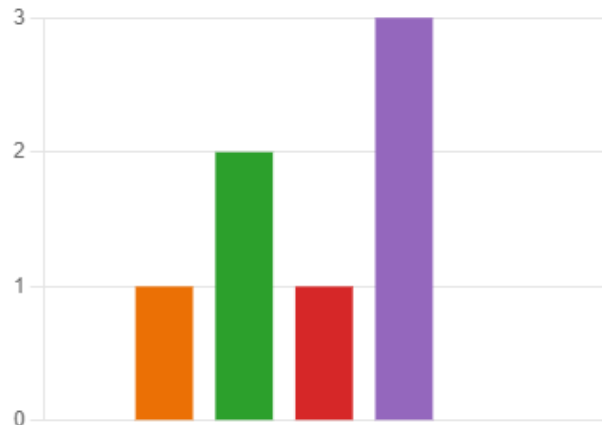
Redevelopment Ready Communities Best Practice 3.9 requires that the City obtain customer feedback on the Site Plan Review process, as well as the permitting and inspection process. Where appropriate, improvements to the process identified through this feedback are to be integrated. Internally, lessons learned are to be captured and incorporated into future projects by the staff.

A survey was created to solicit feedback to determine if the site plan process was satisfactory or could use improvements. Below is a synopsis of the input we received.

1. Please indicate the category to which you belong below:

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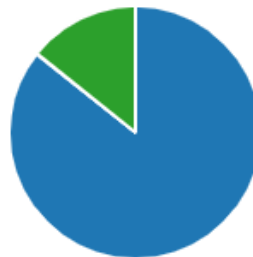
Resident	0
Contractor	1
Commercial or Industrial Proper...	2
Business owner	1
Engineer or architect	3
Non-profit developer	0
Real Estate Development Consul...	0



2. Did you find the Site Plan approval process to be well organized and easy to navigate?

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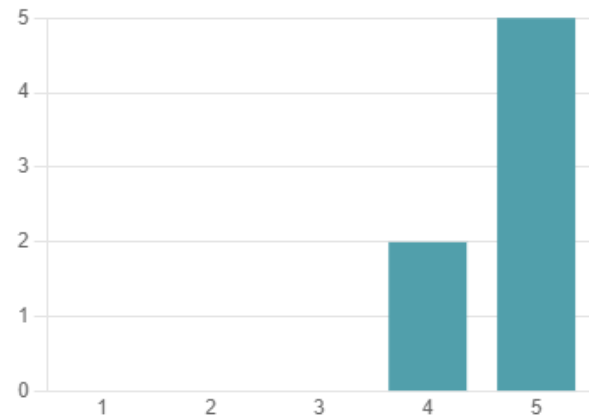
Yes	6
No	0
Somewhat	1



3. How would you rate the pace of the Site Plan approval process. (5 is quick and efficient, 3 average, 2 slower than most, no action, required my constant interaction to usher the project along)

[More Details](#)

4.71
Average Rating



4. Do you feel the Planning Commission was thorough; understanding your concerns and addressing all of the important and relevant items?

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● Yes 6
● No 1



5. Were the City staff and/or Planning Commission members responsive to your questions, comments, or concerns?

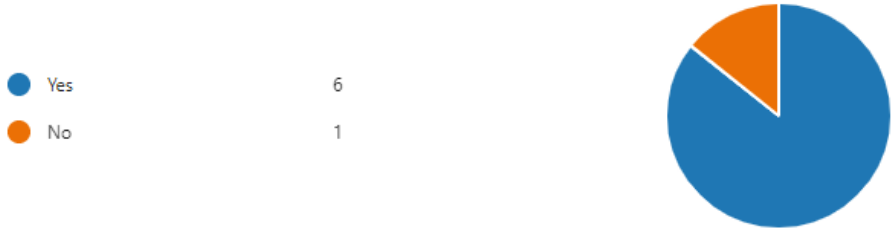
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● Yes 7
● No 0



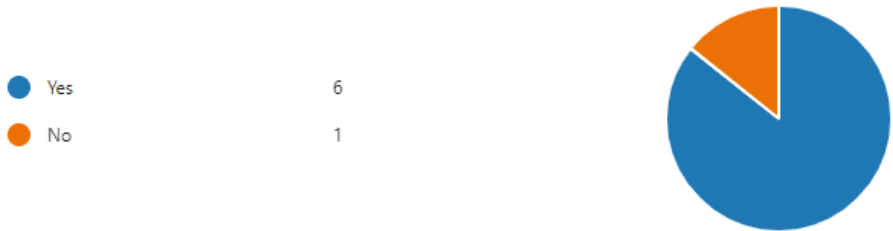
6. Did you find the Site Plan approval to be a fair and judicious process compared to other municipalities?

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7. Did you feel that the final decision was consistent with the governing guidelines of the Site Plan approval process?

[More Details](#)



8. Thank you for your feedback. Please feel free to write additional comments, suggestions or concerns below:

4 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Oak Park is by far the most friendly, efficient and business-friendly planning that we've ever worked with. Thanks to Salam especially! -Jason
2	anonymous	For mid to small projects the market rate for REQUIRED private civil engineering blueprints is above the market value / investment of those projects and its property. Therefore, projects will not get built. -- unless you are building a Walmart. Oak Park and the Detroit Metro Area need to address this issue or specific areas of Metro Detroit will never get redeveloped and continue to decline. Just one man's opinion.
3	anonymous	I appreciate the pre-application meeting to discuss the intentions of the project before it is formally submitted. This type of "upfront" communication goes a long way to ensure a smoother (and fairer) review and approval process, I think.
4	anonymous	If I could give Kim and her staff a 10 star review I would. Loved working with her staff and everyone at Oak Park!

Planning Commission Training

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Master Plan

The Master Plan for the City of Oak Park outlines the goals and strategies which will guide the City over the next five years. The plan provides vision, goals and strategies to direct future land use and guidelines to enhance the community's appearance.

Implementation of the Master Plan Goals

Through the City's Master Plan the Economic Development and Planning Department has begun adopting the changes as identified in the Master Plan. A great deal of progress has been made on its numerous implementation actions. Some of these implementations are listed below:

The adoption of the new City's Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan, is the highlight of these implementations. The updated Master Plan creates a framework to guide decisions that affect the social, physical and the economic environment of the City.

Community:

- **Goal 2: Expand Housing Options.** The approval of the proposed development of 30-unit Transit Oriented Apartment encourages new housing style to meet the needs of current and future residents.

Commerce:

- **Goal 1: Create Vibrant, Dynamic Commercial Corridors.** The approval of OPUS and Northland Chrysler help promote 8 Mile Rd. as a high quality commercial environment as well as add sidewalks on the OPUS portion that did not have any sidewalks.
- **Goal 2: Attract High Quality Diverse Restaurants.** The approval of the development of Salud Eleven will bring yet another high quality restaurant to the 11 Mile mixed use district.
- **Goal 3: Provide Streamlined, Business-friendly Permitting Process and Easily Obtainable Resources for Businesses.** The Economic Development and Planning Department worked diligently with every architect and to provide resources and speed up the appropriate development and approval processes (Administrative Approval, Site Plan Review, and Special Land Use). OPUS development especially needed an expedient process to meet their target deadlines.
- **Goal 5: Update Maps, Zoning, and Ordinances.** The approval of zoning map amendments that changed some of the 8 Mile Corridor from B-1 Neighborhood Business to B-2, General Business. This zoning change better represented the characteristics of the corridor and will allow for more uses to encourage redevelopment of sites. In addition, multiple text amendments were made to improve the overall zoning ordinances to make development easier as well as make sure developments are of good quality and reflect the goals of the Master Plan.
- **Goal 6: Improve Commercial Corridors Visual Appearance To Spur Investment**

The Northland Chrysler, Splash City Car Wash and OPUS developments include significant landscaping to enhance the corridor. These areas previously had no landscaping. The Street Sweep America, Corsault, and B & G Wholesale developments also had significant landscaping added in the Industrial area which previously had none. The Savvy Sliders and GloWorks Developments will be infill developments on the former armory site and improve the appearance of the old Handy Andy Building and the visual appearance on Greenfield.

- **Goal 7: Redevelopment of Blighted or Underutilized Buildings.** The GloWorks site had been vacant for over a decade. While allowing for commercial uses along with additional warehouse space to be added it will help transform the old building and underutilized ground space with the new building to be constructed.
- **Goal 10: Improve Industrial Areas.** The new Zoning Ordinance provides design standards and landscape and screening standards which address the various districts within the city; residential, commercial, and industrial. These changes have helped us to begin the transformation of our Industrial Area one property at a time.

Future Planning Goals

The Economic Development and Planning Department with the guidance of the Planning Commission will continue working toward accomplishing the goals of the Master Plan to strengthen our community, enhance our diverse culture, and stimulate commerce, as summarized below:

Community

- Cultivate a sense of place and unique public spaces through utilizing tactical urbanism and adding streetscape amenities. *On-going*
- Improve appearance of alleys and explore better ways to utilize the space. *On-going*
- Identify opportunities and pursue areas for new public spaces. *On-going*
- Discourage new surface parking lots adjacent to pedestrian-oriented commercial corridors and encourage the placement in the rear of the building. *On-going*
- Improve connections to neighboring communities, amenities and other bike trails. *Mid-term*
- Expanding housing options by beginning with a housing market analysis. *-short term*
- Encouraging new housing styles that meet the needs of current and future residents. *On-going*
- Encourage adaptive reuse options for vacant and underutilized buildings *-On-going*
- Identify options for senior housing to meet the needs of the aging population *-Mi-Term*
- Enhance pedestrian scaled streets and foster a comfortable and safe environment for all users within the context of the city's existing infrastructure and community needs. *On-going*

Culture

- Update Zoning regulations and allow green storm water infrastructure design. *On-going*

Commerce

- Encourage development that promotes pedestrian over auto related parking requirements. *On-going*
- Enforce regulations to ensure quality developments. *On-going*
- Continue pre-development meetings with all necessary departments to speed up the

- development and approval process. *On-going*
- Revise parking requirements utilizing best practices of other cities and consider shared parking and payment in lieu as alternatives. *Short-term*
- Update Future Land Use Map. *Short-term*
- Identify opportunities and create multi-use transitional zones from commercial or industrial into neighborhoods, as well as buffers to protect residential areas. *Mid-term*
- Consider Form Based Code and create design standards for new development. *On-going*
- Review landscaping standards and add landscaping/screening buffers to industrial area to reduce the negative visual characteristics of these developments. *Mid-term*
- Improve overall appearance of the Industrial Park and encourage development of public spaces as part of new industrial development. *Mid-term*

Short term – within one year

Mid-term – within the next three years

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is the only board authorized to interpret, waive or modify requirements of the City of Oak Park Zoning Ordinance. This Board operates as a quasi-judicial body similar to a court of appeals. Decisions made by the Zoning Board of Appeals are final. Relief from ZBA decisions are granted only by the Circuit Court.

Board Members (Who Served During 2021-2022)

James Huston, Chairperson
 Jack Blumenkopf, Vice Chairperson
 Michael Seligson, Planning Commission
 Taleesa Anderson
 Kristina Andreski-Price
 Abrahma (Avi) Snider

Summary

The Zoning Board of Appeals consists of members who were appointed by the City Council. The Zoning Board of Appeals conducts regular, public meetings in City Council Chambers on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meeting agendas are posted on the City web site.

Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings

During 2020-2021, the Zoning Board of Appeals conducted two regular scheduled meetings. Ten meetings were cancelled for lack of business. Following is a summary of Zoning Board of Appeals action from the past year:

DATE	ACTION
03/22/2022	APPROVED - CASE NO.22-01: Request of Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey & Phyllis Meer,

24640 Radcliff Ave., Property Identification Number: 52-25-30-128-008 appeal request for three variances from the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. A variance of (3.5) percent of the lot coverage requirement of Article 2, Division 2, Section 214 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for a lot coverage of (38.5) percent. The Zoning Ordinance requires a lot coverage of maximum (35) percent in the R-1, One-family Residential Districts.
2. A variance of (5) feet of the rear yard setback requirement of Article 2, Division 2, Section 214 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for a rear yard setback of (25) feet. The Zoning Ordinance requires (30) feet rear yard setback in the R-1, One-Family Residential District.
3. A variance to eliminate the separation distance between the main dwelling and the detached garage structure requirements of Article 3, Division 1, Section 300 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the detached garage structure to be connected to the main dwelling. The Zoning Ordinance requires detach accessory buildings to be set back 10 feet from the principal building.

APPROVED - CASE NO.22-02: Phillips Sign & Lighting Inc. for CRDN, 10851 Capital Ave., Property Identification Number: 52-25-32-276-001, appeal request for one variance from the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. A variance of (23.75) square feet of the second front façade additional sign requirement of Article 4, Division 4, Section 472 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the larger wall sign of (53.75) square feet to be installed on the second front façade, while installing one additional sign of (26.4) square feet on the primary front façade. The Zoning Ordinance allows for one wall sign per business of area 15% of front façade; a maximum of 120 square feet in the commercial and industrial districts. For businesses located on a corner lot, one additional wall sign is permitted on the second front façade of area not to exceed 30 square feet.

04/26/2022 APPROVED - CASE NO.22-03: Bloom General Contracting, Inc., 14100 W. Eight Mile Rd. Property Identification Number: 52-25-31-451-019, appeal request for one variance from the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. A waiver from the provisions in Article 4, Division 4, Section 472 of the Zoning Ordinance, to allow for a total of six (6) wall signs to be displayed on the building for a total sign area of 271.75 square feet to allow the dealership to install wall signs for each of their brands: Chrysler, Dodge, Ram, Jeep, and Mopar (service) along with the business name "Northland" wall sign.

APPROVED – CASE NO. 22-04: Kehillat Etz. Chayim, 26341 Coolidge Hwy.
Property Identification Number: 52-25-19-277-035, appeal request for one
variance from the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. A use variance from the provisions in Article 2, Division 2, Section 211 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the use of a synagogue in the R-2, Two-Family Zoning District of the property.

Zoning Board of Appeals Training

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Public Engagement

On July 2017 the City Council adopted a Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the City of Oak Park as part of the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) certification program. The purpose of the Public Participation Plan is to have a clear set of policies, procedures, and methods to apply across range of city initiatives to ensure the public has appropriate venues and timing for feedback.

Public Participation Plan Goals and Objectives

The City of Oak Park is committed to encourage citizen participation by encouraging a diverse set of community stakeholders. The city will continue to strive to involve the community in the decision-making process.

- Increased support for plans and projects that more effectively meet the needs of our diverse public through the involvement of residents and organizations. Creating a sense of ownership of a new project or plan within the community through community involvement.
- There are many techniques and mechanisms available to ensure that a diverse public is well-informed and able to play a role in the planning process. Recognizing that no single technique or mechanism will work in all cases, it is up to the City to consider the special communication needs of the public and use the best approaches to accomplish this objective.
- When appropriate, host joint public engagement events and share public participation data and best practices with other organizations.
- Engage all organizations within the community including: faith based organizations, professional organizations and businesses, block clubs, board and commission members, residents and other cultural and social organizations with the community.
- Offer multiple opportunities and ways for the community to engage in the conversation, including: townhall meetings, social media, surveys, fliers, and e-mail. Ensure the project is promoted to the public and that they are offered the opportunity to participate.
- In addition to offering multiple opportunities for community members to engage, it is important to understand that not everyone actively engages with their local government. Meeting people where they are at (i.e. local commercial businesses, parks, special events) to engage with them provides an opportunity to solicit opinions

from a wider range of community members. It is also an effective way to get more community members involved in future public meetings.

- Public information and involvement methods are continually evolving. The City is committed to seeking new and innovative ways to engage and keep the public involved throughout the process.
- Record results of the public engagement and report the results back to the public through the use of social media, video, website, and/or city council and planning commission meetings.
- Attend other meetings within the community and communicate what the City is working on with the public.

Public Engagement Update. July 1st, 2021 – June 30th, 2022

Public Meetings. The City of Oak Park strictly adheres to the Open Michigan Act (OMA) requirements to assure that due process in decision making is maximized. The following meetings were accessible to the public; a time allocated for the public to comment was provided at each of these meeting.

- City Council Meetings [Every 1st and 2nd Monday of the month].
- Planning Commission Meetings [Every 2nd Monday of the month]. The Planning Commission conducted a total of eleven (11) meetings (regular and special) which included eight (8) Public Hearings to receive public comments on various proposed projects and Zoning Text Amendments.
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings [Every 4th Tuesday of the month]. The Zoning Board of Appeals conducted two meetings with Public Hearings to receive comments on various variances requests.
- Corridor Improvement Authority Meetings [Every 3rd Thursday of the month]. The Corridor Improvement Authority conducted Ten (10) public meetings to promote economic growth initiative and provide resources to improve the commercial corridors within the City.

Community Events. The following list serves to highlight several engagement activities from the last year that were intended to go above and beyond what is required by State and Local regulations and to align with the goals and objectives set forth in the Public Participation Plan.

- 11 Mile Parking Lots Redesign. The City hosted an open house to engage the public through the planning process to solicit their feedback on the proposed conceptual design of 11 Mile Parking Lots – February 15, 2022.
 - E-mails were sent to the businesses along the 11 Mile Parking Lots
 - Posts on the city’s website and various social media platforms were utilized.
 - The city will continue to engage the public using various community events throughout the planning and implementation process.
- Urban Main. The City hosted workshops to introduce Main Street and its approach to corridor revitalization to Oak Park and existing partners.
 - Main Street overview & Strategic Planning Refresher Workshop – November 2022
 - Commercial District Asset Mapping Workshop – March 2022
 - Fliers were e-mailed to the businesses list within the City.
 - Fliers were distributed by the Economic Development and Planning Staff to the businesses.
 - Posts on the City’s website and social media platforms were utilized.

- Shared Electric Scooter (E-Scooter) Pilot Program. The City utilized various approaches to engage the public and solicit their feedback on running E-scooter pilot program that is intended to improve the overall mobility within the City.
 - E-Scooter Open House- April 2022
 - E-Scooter Survey – April & May 2022
 - Multiple posts on the City’s websites and social media platforms were utilized
 - The City continues to educate the public about the e-scooters pilot program using creative approaches and methods.
- State of the City and Nine Mile Linear Park Kick off. The City hosted the State of the City at the Nine Mile Linear Park to celebrate the completion of the Nine Mile Linear Park project and reflect on the past year and set agenda moving forward - June 2022
- Elevate Oak Park [Park & Recreation Master Plan Update]. The City started the process of engaging the public in the Park and Recreation Master Plan Update by conducting multiple open houses at various locations within the city; up to six (6) open houses were conducted throughout the months of May and June 2022.
 - Multiple posts via the City’s website and social media platforms were utilized
 - The City continues to engage the public to solicit their feedback via creative community engagement events and approaches.