BIRMINGHAM CITY COMMISSION &
PLANNING BOARD
JOINT MEETING AGENDA
JUNE 10, 2024
BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY – ROTARY ROOM
300 W. MERRILL
7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Elaine McLain, Mayor

II. ROLL CALL

Alexandria Bingham, City Clerk

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

The City of Birmingham welcomes public comment limited at the Mayor's discretion to allow for an efficient meeting. The Commission will not participate in a question and answer session and will take no action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. The public can also speak to agenda items as they occur when the presiding officer opens the floor to the public. When recognized by the presiding officer, state your name for the record, and direct all comments or questions to the presiding officer.

IV. DISCUSSION TOPICS

A. The Birmingham Plan 2040 - Prioritization of Key Actions
B. Woodward Avenue
C. Public Project Review Process

V. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. ADJOURN

Should you wish to participate in this meeting, you are invited to attend the meeting in person or virtually through ZOOM: **https://zoom.us/j/655079760** **Meeting ID: 655 079 760**
You may also present your written statement to the City Commission, City of Birmingham, 151 Martin Street, P.O. Box 3001, Birmingham, Michigan 48012-3001 prior to the hearing.

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MEMORANDUM

Planning Division

DATE: June 10, 2024

TO: Jana L. Ecker, City Manager

FROM: Nicholas Dupuis, Planning Director

SUBJECT: Planning Board & City Commission Joint Meeting

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1. The Birmingham Plan 2040 – Prioritization of Key Actions

On May 22, 2023 (Agenda – Minutes), the City Commission moved to adopt and approve in its entirety the Birmingham Plan 2040, inclusive of all maps, plats, charts, and other related matter, figures and the Future Land Use Map.

Once a master plan is adopted, the City is tasked with prioritizing and considering the recommendations of the plan through in-depth reviews. Within the Birmingham Plan 2040 ("2040 Plan"), the consultants consolidated and categorized nearly 130 recommendations located throughout the plan into 33 key actions. The consultants then prioritized the key actions based on their assessment of need and time horizon.

As the City moves forward with the implementation of the plan, it is key to remember that a master plan is not a static document. An annual review of a master plan is necessary to complete the following tasks. Every year, the Planning Board should:

1. Review goals and major recommendations.
2. Review action table and progress toward completing annual priorities.
3. Review prior year's rezoning and development decisions. Discuss if there are any trends that need to be addressed.
4. Identify any potential plan amendments to work on for the upcoming year that can be prepared and adopted then incorporated at a later date when the master plan is updated.
5. Identify any Zoning Ordinance updates to undertake in the coming year.

Performing the annual review and thoroughly documenting the process and the machinations of the master plan is essential when it comes to the master plan review after 5 years of adoption as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act. At 5 years, it

should be determined whether any amendments are needed or whether the plan is still relevant to today's conditions. Generally, the goals, objectives and future land use plan should be carefully reviewed to contrast with current development trends as well as any major changes or diversions from the plan that have taken place in order to consider whether the plan needs to be updated.

On December 13, 2023 (Agenda – Minutes), the Planning Board discussed at a high level the Summary of Key Actions and how to begin the implementation of the Birmingham Plan 2040. Much discussion was had regarding an implementation framework and it was acknowledged that although the Planning Board does not have the direct authority to assign duties to other boards, commissions or staff members, it does have duties as listed in Sec. 82-33 of the Birmingham Code of Ordinances to "carry out the goals, objectives and intent of the city's adopted master plan", among other duties. It was also re-emphasized that each of these action items will be vetted in the public sphere at open meetings, and that the public engagement we invite would be focused on the merits of each recommendation and the work that stems from such rather that the merits of the 2040 Plan itself.

On January 10, 2024 (Agenda – Minutes), the Planning Division presented a reformatted version of the Summary of Key Actions table, which placed actions into separate tables based on which group would be the "primary" agent for that recommendation or action. The Planning Board and Planning Division discussed each of the tables and how interconnected a lot of the actions will be. Ultimately, the Planning Board requested that a few actions be moved to other sections.

On January 24, 2024 (Agenda – Minutes), the Planning Board reviewed the Summary of Key Actions tables with the few minor changes that were requested at the last meeting. In addition, the Planning Division provided a draft letter for review that would be sent around to other boards/commissions that have direct responsibilities related to the 2040 Plan.

On February 28, 2024 (Agenda – Minutes) the Planning Division has made the requested changes to the Summary of Key Actions tables, and has provided a full suite of draft letters to be circulated to the various boards at which the actions will be ultimately assigned by the City Commission. In addition, the Planning Division has made an attempt to organize the "Zoning Code Update" into different buckets: one that could be handled by a consultant within a comprehensive update to the Zoning Ordinance, and one that could require more attention from the Planning Board.

Questions:

- Do you [the City Commission] feel as though the Planning Board has successfully organized and prioritized the key actions provided in the approved 2040 Plan?
- Would the City Commission consider making this an agenda item at the next available City Commission meeting for the purposes of directing the related boards/commissions to commence work on the associated key actions?

2. Woodward Avenue

The Planning Board has observed a heightened attention to the Woodward corridor from projects such as the Brown/Forest intersection and the road diet project that was recently

completed in Ferndale. In addition, there are 8+ recommendations within the 2040 Plan that are related to Woodward which could lead to large, multi-jurisdictional projects that involve significant policy decisions and need for significant involvement from City leadership.

Finally, the City has made significant progress on a Woodward Road Diet having completed several key items in the MDOT Road Diet Checklist. Most recently, the City's traffic consultants have produced a synchro/simulation model demonstrating traffic flow based on the removal of one traffic lane from southbound Woodward from N. Old Woodward to 14 mile and one traffic lane from northbound Woodward from 14 Mile to Oak. The potential for a road diet on Woodward Avenue in Birmingham presents a major opportunity to address various goals of the City, including those found in the 2040 Plan.

Questions:

- How does the City Commission wish to approach the Woodward Avenue right-of-way and the various ongoing and future proposals?
- Where should the recommendations regarding Woodward be in the prioritization of the 2040 Plan?

3. Public Project Review Process

Over the years, the Planning Board has reviewed several public projects at a courtesy level including the recent library expansions and Birmingham Fire Station 2. Overall, Planning Board has expertise that lends itself to the review of these projects and feel their role could be expanded to ensure that public development projects aspire to meet similar standards as private development to ensure a harmonious and consistent urban environment.

In addition, the 2040 Plan provides some guidance for public building projects that may be found in the sections which discuss Civic Destinations. Civic Destinations are described as including civic institutions and outdoor spaces in institutional uses. Civic buildings offer neutral, aspirational places for citizens and community leaders to exchange ideas, form community associations, or simply socialize. Located in a neighborhood setting, these institutions encourage neighborhood interaction. They also tend to draw people from other nearby neighborhoods, cross-pollinating the City's social structures. Civic buildings and landscapes should be grand and iconic, and be distinct from residential construction to avoid confusing public and private uses.

The 2040 Plan provides a recommendation to establish policy to continue the tradition of constructing Birmingham's civic buildings and parks as iconic structures and landscapes to the highest standards and at a civic scale.

Questions:

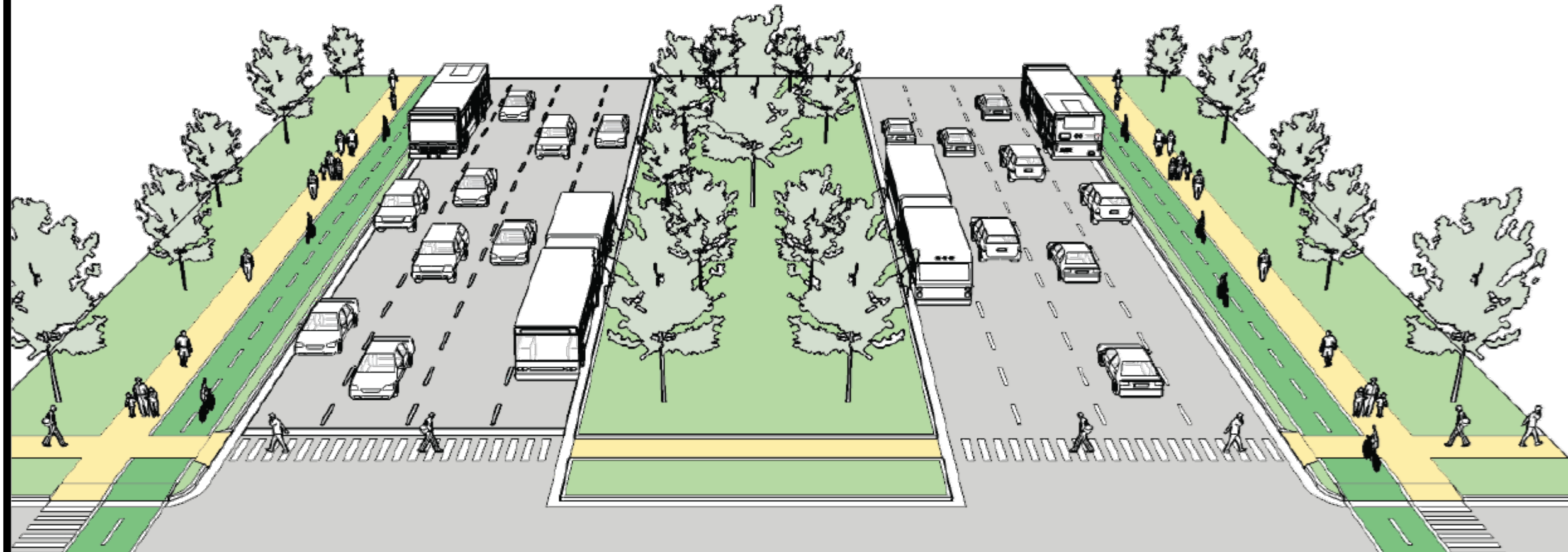
- Does the City Commission desire to require a formal, thorough site plan and design review for public development projects?
- If so, which board/commission should be responsible for the site plan and design review? What standards should be applied to public projects?
- Does the City Commission wish to develop a guide based on the recommendations of the 2040 plan outlining a set of standards for the review of public projects?

Planning Board & City Commission

Joint Meeting Slides
June 10, 2024

Themes:

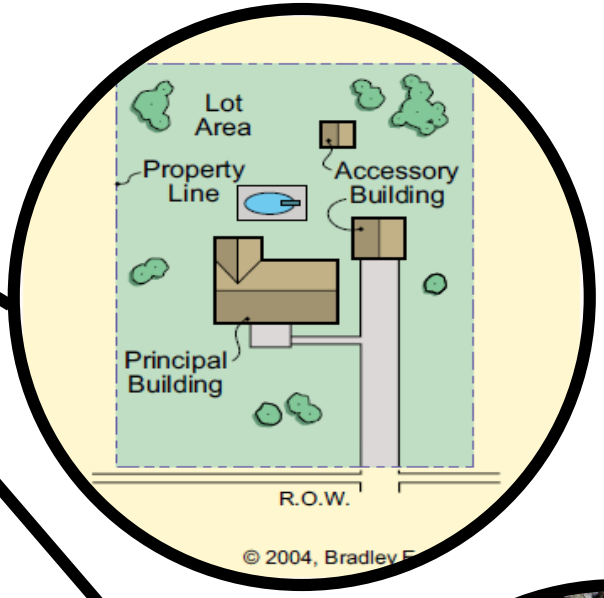
1. Retain neighborhood quality
2. A history of high quality
3. Bridge the divide

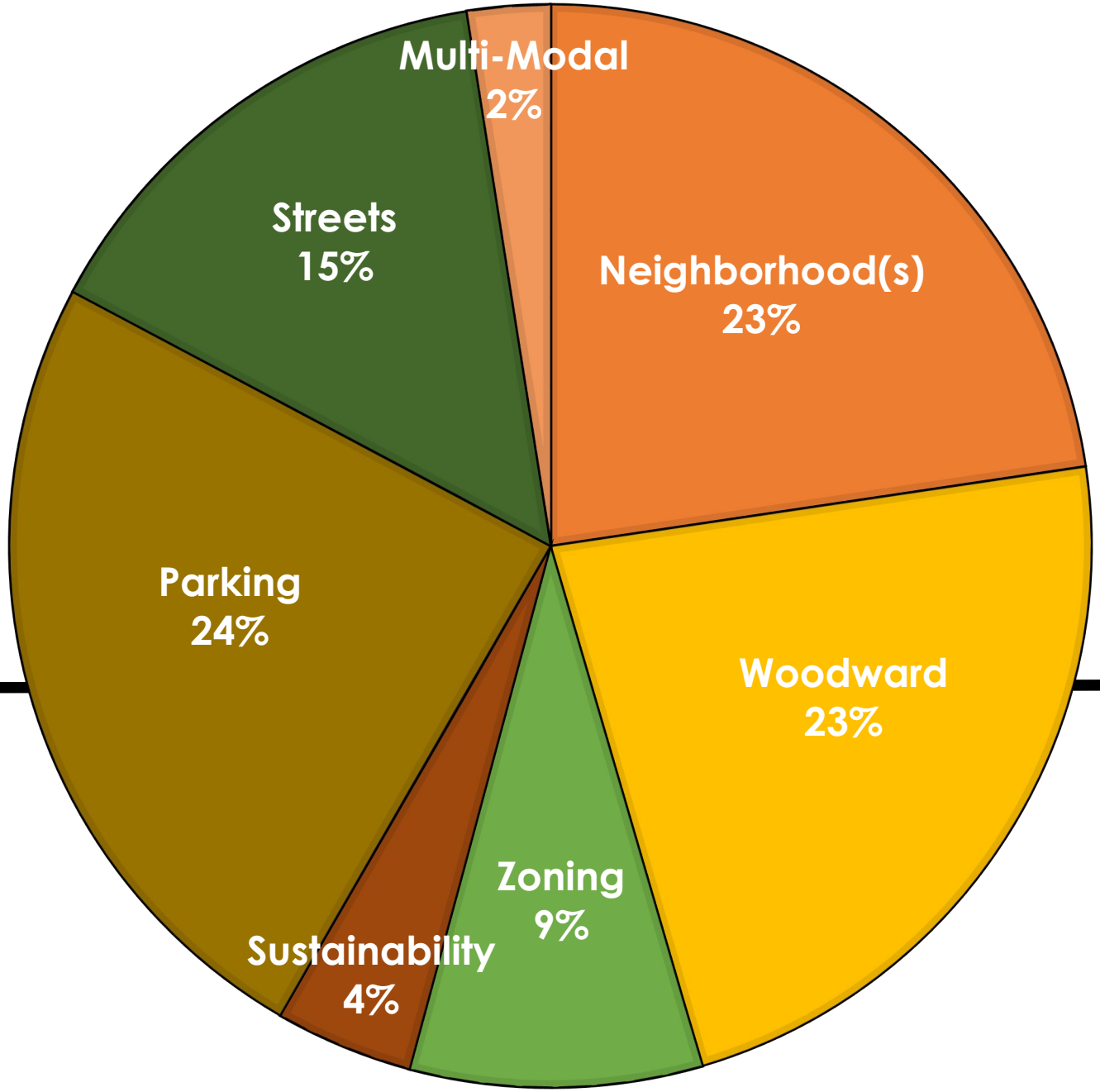


The Birmingham Plan 2040

Priorities:

- Neighborhoods
- The Zoning Ordinance
- Woodward Avenue

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2040

Woodward Avenue

- Woodward Road Diet
- Ferndale
- History of Collaboration
- Political Leadership

Public Projects:

Planning Board

Type	Title	Description	Where	In Progress	Notes
Policy	Zoning Code Update	Update the zoning code. The following goals are provided greater detail within the chapters listed. See additional goals under "Best Practice Recommendations" in the "Update the Zoning Code" section.	-	☐	
	Comprehensive	Focus on brevity, clarity, graphics, and aligning zones with Future Land Use categories.	2	☐	
		Consolidate zones and uses as much as is practical and ensure the updated document is legible, clear, and predictable	2	☐	
		Extend D2 zoning to the multi-family properties along the west side of Old Woodward up to Quarton.	4	☐	
		Modify the MX District to enable the urban development envisioned for the Rail District.	4	☐	
		Develop an Overlay Zoning District for the Lower Rail District that permits the existing, but somewhat improved condition to persist for the area south of Palmer Street.	4	☐	
		Create a zoning district to enable neighborhood destinations.	1	☐	
		Reduce the amount of open space required per unit for townhomes and multi-family.	2	☐	
		Adjust residential zone boundaries and standards to better match existing housing. Including a study of the city's residential architectural styles and building types, their key characteristics, position on their properties, driveway configuration, age, and the areas where each common type is located.	3	☐	
		Review and update site, building, and design codes to prevent increased rainwater runoff and other negative impacts from new house construction.	3	☐	
		Consider age-in-place-friendly building regulations, such as grab-bars, ramps, and elevators in single family homes, with careful attention paid to the city's architectural heritage.	3	☐	
		Address neighborhood lighting standards, including exterior residential lighting intensity and color temperature. See the International Dark Sky Association recommended standards.	3	☐	
	Further Study	Create a new zoning district or modify the transition zone districts to enable infill development of small homes, townhomes, duplexes, and small multi-family buildings, limited to buffer and activity district seams.	2	☐	
		Develop storefront design, signage, and other standards to retain the small-scale business character of Market North.	4	☐	
		Enable Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in already compatible zones: MX, TZ1, TZ3, and R4 through R8. Study ADUs for additional locations within the city and the regulations necessary to ensure compatibility.	2	☐	
		Create subdivision and zoning standards to encourage redevelopment of the Adam's Square shopping center.	1	☐	
		Establish zoning standards to encourage redevelopment of South Woodward Gateway properties.	4	☐	
		Establish zoning standards to enable Neighborhood Sleeves in the South Woodward Gateway	4	☐	
		Establish zoning standards to enable shared-use alleys, particularly in the South Woodward Gateway.	4	☐	

		Incentivize South Woodward Gateway redevelopment through increased zoning capacity, permitting housing, and reduced parking requirements.	4	☐	
New Plans	Woodward Safety & Beautification Plan	Create a Woodward Safety and Beautification Plan. The following goals are provided greater detail within the chapters listed.	-	☐	(This section shared with MMTB & City Commission)
		Improve Woodward crossings following best practices for pedestrians and cyclists.	1	☐	
		Study lane reduction and re-striping options for Woodward.	1	☒	
		Pursue a speed reduction on Woodward through legislative means.	1	☐	
		Plant a full and consistent tree canopy along the Woodward median throughout Birmingham, beginning with the northern and southern entries.	4	☐	
		Adjust Elm to meet Woodward perpendicularly.	1	☒	
		Adjust Worth to meet Woodward perpendicularly.	1	☐	
New Plans	Woodward Gateways Plan	Create a Woodward Gateways Plan to comprehensively address the three gateway areas along Woodward.	-	☐	(This section shared with City Commission)
		Revisit and adopt plan components for the South Woodward Gateway Plan.	1, 4	☐	
		Create plan components for a North Woodward Gateway, including the future use of public land.	1, 4	☐	
		Create plan components a Downtown Gateway Plan for the Big Woodward and Maple intersection.	1	☐	
New Plans	Haynes Square Plan	Create a Haynes Square Plan which provides the details, timing, and funding for implementing Haynes Square recommendations.	1	☐	
New Plans	North Old Woodward Streetscape	Develop a streetscape plan along North Old Woodward, up to Big Woodward, with a focus on adding on-street parking and pedestrian and bicycle amenities and improving safety	4	☐	
New Plans	Mixed-use Streetscape Plan	Create a streetscape improvement plan for the Triangle District and Rail District.	1	☐	
New Plans	Tree Canopy Improvement Plan	Create a Tree Canopy Improvement Plan. The following goals are provided greater detail within Chapter 3.	-	☐	
		Establish comprehensive policies for trees in streets and open spaces.	3	☐	

Sustainability Board*

Type	Title	Description	Where	In Progress	
Policy	Zoning Code Update	Update the zoning code. The following goals are provided greater detail within the chapters listed. See additional goals under "Best Practice Recommendations" in the "Update the Zoning Code" section.	-	☐	
	Comprehensive	Advance building sustainability in new construction, especially within the City's mixed-use districts and for municipal buildings.	5	☐	
Programs & Boards	Sustainability Board	Establish a Sustainability Board to oversee the recommendations of this plan section and other future sustainability initiatives.	5	☒	
New Plans	Green Infrastructure	Create a Green Infrastructure Plan to address stormwater run-off and areas experiencing regular flooding.	5	☐	
New Plans	Sustainability Action Plan	Create a Sustainability Action Plan. The following goals are provided greater detail within chapter 5.	-	☒	
		Reduce environmental impacts of municipal operations	5	☐	
		Incentivize green building, renewable energy, and green landscaping.	5	☐	
		Expand recycling and composting	5	☐	
		Implement green stormwater practices in streets and parks.	5	☐	
		Support Rouge River Natural Area improvements.	5	☐	
		Implement other sustainability focused recommendations of this plan.	5	☐	
		Create a Hazard Mitigation Plan addressing the City's future climate	5	☐	
		Increase inter-governmental cooperation around sustainability initiatives.	5	☐	
		Study the best path towards encouraging or requiring businesses reduce plastic and Styrofoam use.	5	☐	
New Plans	Rouge River Restoration Plan	Develop a plan to improve and maintain the Rouge River natural area. The following goals are provided greater detail within chapter 5.	-	☐	
		Inventory and analyze the Rouge corridor's wildlife, ecology, natural systems, and pollution sources.	5	☐	
		Stabilize riverbanks, remove invasive species, reintroduce native ground covers, wildflowers, under-story, and canopy tree species.	5	☐	
		Mitigate potential pollution or chemical sources, including the existing Springdale snow storage dumping area.	5	☐	
		Work with area organizations and agencies to oversee, build support, and raise funding for the park's enhancements.	5	☐	
		Work with other area and regional organizations and communities to improve the quality of the Rouge River watershed.	5	☐	
New Plans	Tree Canopy Improvement Plan	Create a Tree Canopy Improvement Plan. The following goals are provided greater detail within Chapter 3.	-	☐	
		Create 5-, 10-, and 15- year goals to expand tree canopy cover.	3	☐	

		Study the condition of neighborhood tree canopies in parks and private spaces and potential improvements.	3	☐	
		Require that trees removed due to construction be replaced, as well as mandatory contributions to fund new off-site trees.	3	☐	
		Prevent existing, healthy trees from being removed due to new construction.	3	☐	
		Survey areas with constrained root area and establish a plan to add additional soil volume.	3	☐	

*Although a formal Sustainability Board does not exist at this time, the Ad Hoc Environmental Sustainability Committee will consider many of these key actions in their Sustainability and Climate Action Plan, and the rest may be considered by a future formal Sustainability Board.

Multi-Modal Transportation Board

Type	Title	Description	Where	In Progress	Notes
Policy	Zoning Code Update	Update the zoning code. The following goals are provided greater detail within the chapters listed. See additional goals under "Best Practice Recommendations" in the "Update the Zoning Code" section.	-	☐	
	Comprehensive	Adopt a policy requiring a minimum 6 foot clear path along the sidewalk throughout mixed-use districts.	4	☐	
New Plans	Woodward Safety & Beautification Plan	Create a Woodward Safety and Beautification Plan. The following goals are provided greater detail within the chapters listed.	-	☐	(This section shared with City Commission & Planning Board)
		Improve Woodward crossings following best practices for pedestrians and cyclists.	1	☐	
		Study lane reduction and re-striping options for Woodward.	1	☒	
		Pursue a speed reduction on Woodward through legislative means.	1	☐	
		Plant a full and consistent tree canopy along the Woodward median throughout Birmingham, beginning with the northern and southern entries.	4	☐	
		Adjust Elm to meet Woodward perpendicularly.	1	☒	
		Adjust Worth to meet Woodward perpendicularly.	1	☐	
New Plans	Mixed-use Districts Parking Plan	Create a Mixed-use Districts Parking Plan. The following goals are provided greater detail within the chapters listed.	-	☐	
		Study bike parking and electric vehicle charging stations in garages.	4	☐	
Policy	Residential Street Standards	Update the Residential Street Standards, aligning the streetscape elements with Future Land Use categories. Update the Multi-modal Plan accordingly.	3	☐	
		Lower the posted speed on streets throughout town as much as possible.	3	☐	
Policy	Mixed-use District Streets	Adopt a policy requiring a minimum 6-foot clear path along the sidewalk be retained throughout mixed-use districts.	4	☐	
Existing Plan Updates	Multi-modal Plan Update	Update the Multi-modal Plan. The following goals are provided greater detail within the chapters listed. See additional goals under headings "Multimodal Plan Updates" and "Best Practice Recommendations for the Multimodal Plan" in Chapters 1 and 4.	-	☐	
		Address increased pedestrian activity anticipated in mixed-use districts that will grow in residential population.	1	☐	
		Support increased pedestrian activity on both sides of North Old Woodward and provide streetscape amenities.	4	☐	
		Complete gaps in sidewalks, add accessible corner ramps where not already specified, and replace street trees which are displaced by the process.	3	☐	
		Address recent experiences with increased outdoor dining.	1, 4	☐	
		Ensure bicycle facilities are protected on all streets posted at or above 35mph.	1	☐	
		Study bicycle accommodation alternatives along Lincoln.	3	☐	

		Include mobility routes based upon bicycle boulevard practices.	1	☐	
		Implement additional transportation mode best practices for new mobility technology and modes such as micro EVs, golf carts, and micro-mobility.	1	☐	
		Improve the conditions at bus stops along more major roads.	1	☐	
		Add Electric Vehicle charging stations throughout the city at garages, public parking lots, and on-street in Mixed-use Districts.	5	☐	
		Adopt a policy regulating street lighting, including intensity, color temperature, luminaire, and pole height and frequency.	3	☐	
		Include a public education component.	1	☐	
Existing Plan Updates	Eton Road Corridor Plan	Update the Eton Road Corridor Plan. The following goals are provided greater detail within Chapter 4.	-	☐	
		Increase connectivity for pedestrians, bikes, and cars for the area south of Hazel Street including future rail crossings.	4	☐	
		Provide access to the Troy Transit Center and consider the development of surrounding properties.	4	☐	
Studies	Circulator	Study a public circulator to provide viable means of accessing mixed-use districts and other significant destinations without a car.	1	☐	

City Commission

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Policy	Zoning Code Update*	Update the zoning code. The following goals are provided greater detail within the chapters listed. See additional goals under "Best Practice Recommendations" in the "Update the Zoning Code" section.	-	☐	
	Further Study	Encourage renovations to expand existing houses rather than the construction of new houses.	3	☐	
	Further Study	Allow cafes, food trucks, carts, and kiosks in parks (currently the Public Property district).	1	☐	
New Plans	Woodward Safety & Beautification Plan	Create a Woodward Safety and Beautification Plan. The following goals are provided greater detail within the chapters listed.	-	☐	(This section shared with MMTB & Planning Board)
		Improve Woodward crossings following best practices for pedestrians and cyclists.	1	☐	
		Study lane reduction and re-striping options for Woodward.	1	☒	
		Pursue a speed reduction on Woodward through legislative means.	1	☐	
		Plant a full and consistent tree canopy along the Woodward median throughout Birmingham, beginning with the northern and southern entries.	4	☐	
		Adjust Elm to meet Woodward perpendicularly.	1	☒	Lavery Porsche Development
		Adjust Worth to meet Woodward perpendicularly.	1	☐	
New Plans	Woodward Gateways Plan	Create a Woodward Gateways Plan to comprehensively address the three gateway areas along Woodward.	-	☐	(This section shared with Planning Board)
		Revisit and adopt plan components for the South Woodward Gateway Plan.	1, 4	☐	
		Create plan components for a North Woodward Gateway, including the future use of public land.	1, 4	☐	
		Create plan components a Downtown Gateway Plan for the Big Woodward and Maple intersection.	1	☐	
Policy	Unbundled Parking*	Pilot unbundled residential parking within Downtown parking garages.	2	☐	
Studies	Residential Districts Parking	Study citywide street on-parking restrictions and permits	3	☐	
New Plans	Mixed-use Districts Parking Plan*	Create a Mixed-use Districts Parking Plan. The following goals are provided greater detail within the chapters listed.	-	☐	
		Establish unbundled residential parking policies within Downtown garages.	2	☐	
		Establish unbundled residential parking policies in all mixed-use districts in existing and future parking garages.	2	☐	
		Provide public parking as recommended in the 2007 Triangle District Plan	1, 2, 4	☐	
		Provide public parking in the Rail District. Consider redevelopment of the DPS building to occupy a portion of a public parking garage in its place, which services the lower Rail District.	2, 4	☐	
		Provide public parking for the western Haynes Square district.	2	☐	
		Study opportunities to accommodate more monthly garage permits.	4	☐	
		Study monthly parking pass fees to better align with prevailing rates.	4	☐	

		Study tiered parking pricing to encourage use of under-utilized garages.	2, 4	☐	
		Study tiered parking meter pricing to encourage use of under-utilized on-street parking.	4	☐	
		Study the potential for Public Private Partnerships to construct garages.	1	☐	
		Study additional parking assessment districts or incremental tax districts for land purchases and financing the development of parking garages.	1	☐	
		Study parking garages at the Bates Street Extension and Lot 6.	4	☐	
		Study technological improvements to ease usage of parking garages.	4	☐	
Policy	Unimproved Streets	Adopt policy recommendations specified by the Ad-hoc Unimproved Streets Committee (AHUSC), including the following:	-	☐	
		Establish a yearly budget to remedy unimproved streets, considering the general fund plus bond strategy and repayment timelines.	3	☐	
		Survey the current condition of unimproved streets, categorized by the current quality such that streets in the most extreme states of disrepair can be prioritized for improvement.	3	☐	
		Remedy unimproved streets according to the repair priority and budget, ensuring improvements occur in multiple Planning Districts each year.	3	☐	
Studies	Civic Facilities Study	Study key civic facilities to continue to support Birmingham residents. The following goals are provided greater detail within chapters specified.	-	☐	
		Study the location, programming, and funding for new facilities for Next.	1	☒	
		Study a permanent, open-air farmers market pavilion with public restrooms on the portion of Lot 6 that is along Old Woodward.	4	☐	
		Establish policy to continue the tradition of constructing Birmingham's civic buildings and parks as iconic structures and landscapes to the highest standards and at a civic scale	1	☐	
		Study how a Community Foundation / Fund may further Master Plan goals.	1	☐	
Existing Plan Updates	Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update	Expand the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan or create a new plan beyond the 2022 horizon. The following goals are provided greater detail within the chapters listed. See additional goals under headings "Parks Best Practices" in Chapter 4.	-	☒	**COMPLETED** - Parks & Recreation Plan adopted in 2023
		Purchase part of the Adams Square parking lot for park space, or ensure that redevelopment would require that future park space be provided near Adams and Bowers.	3	☐	
Studies	Shared-use Streets*	Study shared-use streets. The following goals are provided greater detail within the chapters listed.	-	☐	
		Study a shared-use streetscape retrofit along with a social district in the Maple & Woodward district.	1, 4	☐	
		Study a shared-use street section along Cole and Commerce Streets.	4	☐	
		Study additional opportunities in other mixed-use districts.	1, 4	☐	

Boards & Programs	Civic Events	Extend the role of the Public Arts Board or other existing board, or establish a Civic Events Board, to develop regular civic events to continue engaging the community throughout the year and promote existing civic institutions.	1, 4	☐	
		Consider regular events in community parks.	3	☐	
		Consider activities and special events to attract office workers and residents to shop and dine downtown, including weekly events at Shain Park.	4	☐	
Studies	Parking Technology	Review master plan parking recommendations in 2030-35 to evaluate new technologies and trends.	4	☐	

**Likely to be directed to the Planning Board when City Commission is ready*

Parks & Recreation Board

Type	Title	Description	Where	In Progress	Notes
Existing Plan Updates	Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update	Expand the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan or create a new plan beyond the 2022 horizon. The following goals are provided greater detail within the chapters listed. See additional goals under headings "Parks Best Practices" in Chapter 4.	-	☒	**COMPLETED** - Parks & Recreation Plan adopted in 2023
		Differentiate parks by type to better determine appropriate amenities, services, and best practices.	3	☒	
		Utilize Planning Districts to determine sufficiency of park access across the city, availability of amenities, and consideration of activities and recreation in each season.	3	☐	
		Formalize the public use of school and institutional open spaces for neighborhood recreation, prioritizing under-served Planning Districts.	1, 3	☐	
		Develop Worth Park to provide needed open space for Torry.	3	☐	
		Develop the contemplated linear park and trail along the Rail District.	4	☐	
		Build a cafe or provide accommodations in Booth Park as recommended in the 2016 Downtown Plan.	1, 4	☒	Booth Park Trail Plan
		Increase amenities and connections in Downtown's parks and mini-parks.	4	☐	
New Plans	Rouge River Trails and Access Master Plan	Develop and implement a trails and access master plan to improve the Rouge River trails and trail heads.	-	☐	
		Install pedestrian linkages to the park's surrounding neighborhoods and commercial districts, including to Quarton Road.	5	☐	
		Secure easements to expand the park area and improve its walkability, for complete ecological restoration, and universal accessibility.	5	☐	
		Coordinate with Bloomfield and Beverly Hills to expand trail connections.	5	☐	
		Install an environmentally sensitive, hard-surfaced pathway for pedestrians and cyclists along the Rouge River.	5	☐	
		Expand the extent of the trail system, crossing the river at more locations to access large portions of the natural area currently cut off.	5	☐	
		Install bridges, ramps, and other enhancements to enable access by all ages and abilities.	5	☐	
		Install other amenities such as bicycle racks, lighting, markers, seating, and signage at trail heads, and seating, markers, and interpretive features throughout the trail system.	5	☐	

Historic District Commission

Type	Title	Description	Where	In Progress	Notes
Policy	Historic Districts Policy	Adopt a policy to proactively establish new historic districts as well as landmarks.	3	☒	

Public Arts Board

Type	Title	Description	Where	In Progress	Notes
Policy	Public Art Policy	Permit murals and wraps like the popcorn utility wrap to be city-initiated or by the Public Arts Board.	1	☒	
Policy	Art Murals Policy	Implement an art-mural program for large blank wall surfaces in key locations. Coordinate with the Mixed-use Districts Branding Plan.	4	☐	

Wayfinding & Branding Committee

Type	Title	Description	Where	In Progress	Notes
New Plans	Woodward Safety & Beautification Plan	Create a Woodward Safety and Beautification Plan. The following goals are provided greater detail within the chapters listed.	-	☐	
		Provide way-finding and informational signage for public parking	1, 4	☒	
New Plans	Mixed-Use Districts Branding Plan	Create a Mixed-use Districts Branding Plan, in coordination with the Birmingham Shopping District, to brand the City's multiple mixed-use districts.	1, 4	☐	

Key/Legend

Type	Title	Description	Where	In Progress	Notes
Type of action from Plan	Title of Action from Plan	Dark grey box corresponds to broad action item heading/category	-	☐	Basic notes for tracking
↓	↓	White box corresponds to sub-actions related to broad action above	Chapter	☐	↓